

## **App Trial #1**

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Matt: So, you need to have it on a flat surface. So if you put it on the surface. So if everyone opens up the 'Talk About Sex' app on the phone, swipe across. Make sure the volume is up as well. Has everyone got five hearts at the top? Oh, you've got four...and you've got one. Okay, let's try this again...

[everyone tries to work app out, doesn't work]

Some comments: "I like the noise, it sounds like the 'Legend of Zelda'"  
"I'd text you, but your phone's down on the table"

Matt: Okay. So you get the idea of how it was supposed to play, but what we're gonna do, if we all have our own phones, so it doesn't matter if it's Android or not, and we can just put a device in the middle that basically tells us what to do, and we'll go round in a circle. So the way this would have worked, is the devices would have gone \*bing\*, it's your go, and it'd tell you what you had to do. Instead, it's not ideal, but we'll have one in the middle to tell us what to do. Any of the tasks that come up, you don't have to do. And the way that you signify that you don't want to do it, if it's your turn, you just turn the iPad face down. And you don't have to do it. Does that make sense?

A: So it's kind of like heads up, if you don't want to do it you can put it down.

Matt: Yeah! I've never played Heads up.

A: It's really fun.

Matt: Everyone can use their own devices.

C: Thank God, you're off my phone.

Matt: So now we just have to check that it'll all work, with one....So. Someone has to start - is anyone feeling brave? Then we'll go round in a circle.

B: I don't mind, I'll start.

\*bing\*

B: \*turns over and laughs\* [First kiss question] Okay, so what do I do?

Matt: So you can either do what it says...

B: Right, okay. \*writes\*

A: \*looks over\* Awww. Well, I already knew this!

B: Do I have to show this?

Matt: You can if you like.

B: Okay. I don't know what to do.

Matt: You can say what it said, or you don't have to say what it said...

A: I already knew cause I'm her best friend!

\*bing\*

A: \*turns over and laughs\* I love you, B.

\*bing\*

C: I'm scared of what it's gonna say. \*turns over\* ((laughs and shows screen to others))  
Eh...mark on Google Maps where you've had a 'moment'?

A: Well, it can be any kind of moment, like romantic or something? Or like where you've had your first kiss?

C: But I haven't, so...

A: Aw.

E: Mine was in the woods.

A: That's creepy. ((laughs))

\*bing\*

D: \*turns over\* Take a photo of a body part ((Laughs))

E: Just take a photo of your face!

D: Eyyuuuhh.

A: You could do that on your own phone though - like take a picture on your own phone.

\*bing\*

A: Like, so it's not sitting on there..it wouldn't be great if you pulled an ugly face and then...it was like in Matt's gallery.

E: How are you meant to do that?! (in reference to app)

A: What was it?

E: Hold your phone and draw a love heart in the air.

((laughter))

\*bing\*

B: \*turns over\* What does that mean? ((laughs))

A: I don't know...

Matt: It says "poignant".

B: What does that mean?

Matt: Ehhh.....noteworthy!

B: Okay. Everyone has to leave the room, please.

Matt: Apart from one?

B: Apart from one...okay, D stay here.

\*everyone gets up to leave\*

\*bing\*

D: Draw a body part...?

B: Well, okay, so I have to describe to you a moment. I don't really have one. Lying on the grass. There you go.

D: Back in, peasants!

B: \*laughs\*

\*people re-enter\*

\*bing\*

C: I'm scared for what's gonna come up.

A: Oh...I've drawn on it...and I've broke it.

\*bing\*

C: \*picks up and shows others\* What??! ((laughs))

E: You look really shocked ((laughs))

C: What should I shout?

D: Just shout anything - just do it!

C: WILLY!

((all laugh))

\*bing\*

D: Wink at someone...

C: Just do it at anyone.

((laughs))

\*bing\*

E: \*picks up\* I get half of it...but not the rest of it?

C: What's it say?

A: "Pick a friend....swing to an imaginary beat." By swing, I guess dance?

C: I'll dance with you!

A: You have to put your phones in your pockets, and then dance.

((laughter))

\*bing\*

B: Oh oh em....

A: \*looks over\* Oh I know! ((sings lady gaga))

B: That's what I was thinking of!

\*bing\*

B&A: ((sing Lady Gaga together))

A: Oh, okay it's saying I can't play for a minute.

Matt: Wait a sec....so this is for everyone. There's a bug in the thing.

A: Oh....so the pause is for everyone. I thought it was just for one person.

((chatter))

\*dong\*

\*bing\*

C: \*turns over, look of confusion and laughs\* \*passes\*

A: I love how no-one understands it. What did it say?

\*bing\*

YW: It said 'draw some tickly bits on your phone'

((all laugh))

\*bing\*

D: \*turns over\* I would rather not do that. \*passes\* Actually, I'll do it. \*rubs iPad\*

E: What was that?!

D: 'Simulate a massage'

\*bing\*

E: Okay...I need someones phone.

A: The passwords \*\*\*\*\*

((laugh))

\*bing\*

A: Okay, give me your phone, I'm recording you a message.

\*bing\*

((all talking))

C: Great selfie, there!

\*bing\*

D: Shine a light to illuminate part of your body?

((laughs))

C: Sexy kneecap...

\*bing\*

A: (re-enters room) I recorded the message...don't listen to it yet

E: Oh, blank screen

Matt: I guess that means we've come to the end. So the last one was 'whisper into someones ear'

A: I got that one! I whispered 'I like ice cream'...I didn't know what to do! Like I thought I could say an actual secret...but I mean, I like ice cream.

Matt: Okay folks, so I have a few questions. That's the game, that's all we have so far -

((applause))

Matt: Aw, thank you! I thought it worked quite well on the...having it in the middle. What'd you think? Or do you think it would have been better if you had it on your phones?

A: I quite liked it.

B: No, I liked it in the middle.

A: I think people would have been more distracted if it was their own phones, cause most people want to keep their phones wit them, they're quite protective. Having them face down, like screens down, what if someone has a new phone? And also people like checking their messages every ten seconds, so.

Matt: Do you think people would stop checking?

A: Yeah, I think they probably would if you did a ring of it. But obviously you have to have a restriction on how many people can play the game together, and you can have separate parts, like teams and stuff.

Matt: Okay, so could someone say something about what they enjoyed about the game?

A: It was funny seeing people's reactions to some of the things. Even if they were really simple. Like the fact D had to give the iPad a massage put him on edge, even though it's the simplest thing. He didn't feel comfortable...but getting people out of their comfort zones, is what's good.

B: I like how you didn't really know what other people got - you just saw them doing stuff. I thought that was funny.

A: It's like truth or dare, with all dares.

D: I liked the 'shout a slang name for a body part' ((laughs))

A: And then you just didn't know what to say.

((all laugh))

Matt: I wondered whether you were going to do it, actually. So yeah, I was going to ask what your favourite task was.

E: I liked the massage one. I thought that was funny.

A: Recording a message. Cos it was quite nice -

B: I want to know what you said now

A: - well you can listen to it later! Because you can pick someone who you want to tell something, like if you're unsure about your sexuality or something, but you know you want to open up to your close friends, but you haven't opened up to them yet, you can save a voice recording. Cause I found it easier telling my dad about my sexuality - who's extremely homophobic - over the phone, thank I did with my mum who isn't homophobic, and in person.

D: You better not delete that selfie...

Matt: Okay, so what needs to be improved about the game?

B: Maybe a little bit longer.

A: It needs a logo.

Matt: It does need a logo, yeah. So you're saying longer?

B: Just a little bit, yeah.

D: More questions, more tasks.

A: When you flip it up, because I accidentally touched the screen, and it drew I think, like you should have to tap it first if it's a drawing task.

Matt: Any tasks you didn't like? You thought shouldn't be there? No? Well that's good! Was there one that you just really didn't like?

A: I didn't get any really bad ones. So.

Matt: Soooo...who could you imagine playing this game?

C: A lot of people.

((laughs))

A: I want to play it with [name]

B: I could imagine all of our friendship group at school playing this game.

A: Yeah! Cause we play 'Cards of Humanity' - this would be brilliant. Cause we have like free periods where we basically should be doing work, but instead we get games on our phones that everyone can play. We got Cards Against Humanity once, and....some of the things were a bit weird, and I think this would be good as well. Because we are finding, like, seeing their reaction, and what cards they play, on Cards Against Humanity is helping you find out who they are. And I think this would be good to find out who your friends are, as well. Well, what they are.

Matt: Could you imagine playing it with your parents?

A: No. I can imagine it with my dad after a few cans of Fosters - not me drinking them, him. Cause he opens up too much. And I can imagine it with my stepmum. But not my mum.

Matt: Are there certain people that you wouldn't want to play the game with?

A: Yep. Like Derek. I'm joking - I think it would be funny playing it wit Derek. Like what if he got one that B got, saying the first person you kissed? We definitely wouldn't know who it was!

Derek: Is that like ever, or today?

A: Ever. If it was today...it was [name].

Derek: It was.

Matt: So you're saying about free periods. Has anyone else got any thoughts about where or with whom they might play the game?

A: It would be funny at house parties. Shouldn't say that...if we got like a set time at the drop-in. Cause quite a few people come, it would be good and it's kind of the area Derek works in. Like, well, tries to help us with.

B: Like kind of make sure the people you play it with kind of know....like you can just get on with them.

A: If I played it with certain people who we play Cards Against Humanity with, I wouldn't be able to answer some of the questions because I wouldn't feel comfortable. Whereas with B, I'm perfectly fine. With these (points to C, D, E), like I barely see them, so. It would be good

at Pride, as well! Ooooh. Like if they did it at the stage, and just brought people up - like "Come up, we're gonna play a game!"

Matt: Would you play it as a pair?

A: Yup.

Matt: Do you think it would change it if you played it, just you two?

A: Yeah. Because like we can be more honest because we know a lot about each other. I feel I know too much sometimes! But at the same time I feel quite privileged. I think the game would help, to make me feel more certain about some of the stuff. To know, like. It's just concrete. Like how much she loves Asian culture - but everyone knows that!

Matt: Could you imagine playing it at school? Like in a sex education lesson?

A: No, because you don't learn anything in them. We only got one at the end of Year 10, I think? Then we got it all the way through Year 8, and my teacher found it very awkward to show us anything. She tried to draw two cells to look like breasts, and everyone in the class just laughed.

B: I don't know - I think it depends on the people you're with. Even in a sex ed class, it depends who.

A: Cause I pretty much despised - well disliked - a handful of people in every class that I had. No matter what class it was, because they would just pick on me cause of how I was. So.

Matt: Mm. So maybe if you could choose who you were playing with?

A&B: Yeah

A: Like if you get to pick teams, like for the quizzes.

Matt: What do you guys think? (motions to C, D + E) Could you imagine playing it in a lesson?

D: No.

E: In some lessons, yes but in some no.

A: It depends the teachers as well, I guess. Because I know some teachers in our school are homophobic. So. I told them that my ew - when we were together - that he was genderfluid and they were like 'Oh does that mean he likes guys?' and I said 'No it means he can feel as a female one day and a male the next day', and then they just turned around and went 'Oh, he's a poofter!'. Like....no, gonna report you. I reported them. And he's left to "work closer to home"

Matt: So.....how comfortable were you, sharing?

B: I was fine.

A: I was fine with it.

Matt: Was there anything you didn't want to share?



A: I think with these three, because they're younger (points to C, D + E), because me and B are at the age of not giving a slightest care about the world. Well, it's a bad thing, but them three are quite young. Like they may only be two years younger than us, but I feel comfortable in front of you two, even though you're adults, like I feel comfortable talking to Derek about stuff because I know that I can trust you. Whereas they might not know that about me and Nicole. So they might not trust us as much because we're not actually people that work with, like, a company. And they don't really know us that well.

Matt: Could you imagine it breaking the ice between people who don't know each other? Or is it really a friendship thing?

A: It could break the ice, if people were like, "I'm just going to go for it", like I'm just going to try to like just...conquer their fears. But it's kind of a sheep thing. Like, if the person before them does the actual thing, they'll probably do it. Like when C didn't want to do her task, D didn't want to do his and then E was thinking about not doing hers? It's a sheep kind of effect, especially if it's friends. Like in truth or dare, if your friends says 'Oh i'll do dare', if you're next, you'll most likely go dare as well.

Matt: Mm. Did you feel pressurised by any of them? Did they kind of...or did you always feel like you could say no?

A: The fact that you told us at the beginning that you could say No, and just place it back down brought a lot more comfort.

B: Yeah. I think it was the turning it back over. Like if you see it, then turn it back over then nobody has to know.

A: Like turning a new leaf.

Matt: That's nice. But if it wasn't in a structured session like this and you just were playing it, would there be a bit more pressure?

A: Yeah because I think people would be more like "Just do it, just do it" like looking over your shoulders and stuff. Trying to figure out what it is and if they find out that you didn't want to answer it, like, "Who was your first relationship with", and you might not have had a relationship yet, so you might not want to answer it, so you face it back down, and the people who looked over your shoulder could've went, 'Oh why didn't you answer it?' and you'd feel even more uncomfortable. Because you'd feel pressurised."

Matt: Mm. Mm. Was there a bit of anxiety, like when we were waiting for the pad to turn back down, there was a bit of anxiety...

A: I was anxious what it was, because some of the reactions from over there was quite weird, like the faces that they pulled

C: I was worried about what it was actually gonna say!

A: Well, its understandable because it's 'Talk about sex', and every single one I got, wasn't really talking about sex. Like it told me to record a message and it didn't tell me what kind of message to record. So I just recorded something I just wanted to tell B.

Matt: Mm, mm. Did it kind of, rather than sex explicitly, did it kind of touch on those more kind of intimate ideas? So obviously you're [A&B] friends. And intimacy comes as part of relationships, and that kind of thing. I just wonder if it was speaking more to that? I'm now

putting words in everyone's mouth ((laughs)) Okay, uhh so. How did you feel about swapping phones?

A: I trust B, like I would give \*you\* my phone, I really don't care I leave my phone around all the time like my baby brother, three year old brother always plays with my phone.

Matt: What about you guys? If you had to swap phones with someone, would you be happy to do that?

C: Yep.

Matt: Is there anything you'd be nervous about? Them seeing?

D: Nope.

Matt: Potentially, they've got like access to your photos and messages.

A: It did say just to swap the phone. It didn't give permission to look through them.

Matt: But, it said take a selfie.

A: Yeah, but with iPhones you just swipe up when the phone is still locked.

Matt: Ah, okay. But what if they did have access to your messages - would that be more nervewracking?

A: I don't want them to see the messages I send my dad. That's for me and Batman.

Matt: Okay. What about the - is it a bit unhygienic swapping phones with someone?

A: If they've coughed up, well my phones probably very unhygienic because [name] chews on it.

B: Brilliant.

A: Aw, you're a germ freak! Don't worry I like use the spray stuff all the time.

B: It's fine...

A: But like he always gets a hold of it somehow, I'm like - I don't drop my phone on purpose but sometimes I just sort of throw my phone across the floor and he crawls over to it - it's like playing fetch with a dog.

B: I really want to play the game again.

A: It's really nice. Well, I say nice - it's just a fun game to play. Like, if it was a bit longer. I think it would have been better.

Matt: It feels like it should have been longer, yeah.

A: But I think it's because we have like five people playing, thta's why it didn't seem as long. If it was just me and B, it could have been a lot longer. Cause we wouldn't feel pressurised to give it to the next person.

Matt: Cause you're going at quite a speed, like. Like someone was doing a task and then we carried on...

A: Yeah

Matt: But I thought that was good, it kept the pace up. It was really nice.

A: Yeah it's like I recorded the message and it was only 40 seconds long and I came back, and it was B's turn again, and it's like aw it's my turn again! So.

Matt: What did you think about the pause?

A: I didn't understand it.

E: I quite liked it.

B: I thought it was quite spontaneous.

C: Yeah.

Matt: Were you thinking about anything particularly?

((unanimous no))

Matt: Okay! Fab, that's pretty much it, any comments? Suggestions, thoughts?

A: Get a logo.

B: I really enjoyed it.

Matt: Aw, I'm glad.

B: I'd like to do it again.

Matt: It was quite good fun.

A: This is a hint of her wanting to play it again.

((laughs))

Matt: We can play it again, I mean it'll be the same ones.

B: We'll start on someone else this time.

A: I think it would be quite fun like just playing by yourself in your bedroom as well.

Matt: Someone else has to start this time.

\*bing\*

E: \*turns over\* Oh, God. What was his name?!

\*bing\*

A: Did you really just ask what your first kiss' name was?

E: Yeah!

D: \*turns over\* Ah, I've done that.

\*bing\*

C: I got that one before...

\*bing\*

Matt: Oh, you'll always be third....do you want to start over?

((agreement))

\*bing\*

A: ...that's quite bad. I remember mine. It was quite embarrassing...

\*bing\*

A: Get in! I got the selfie one! Gimme your phone - I'm gonna pull the ugliest face.

C: Oh you all have to leave the room - except E.

\*everyone leaves\*

E: What is this??

C: So it's like...discuss a moment.

E: It's like, I can trust you with anything. Even if it's like, anything bad, or anything good, I can -

C: No offense, but I don't trust [name]. We just know she lies and stuff and shit.

\*everyone re-enters\*

\*bing\*

A: The quay too...that's fairly romantic, I guess it can be. Late at night, staring at the stars.

B: I wondered where that was going there ((laughs))

\*bing\*

C: Ah, I don't want to do this one...

D: C!

A: I wanted that one! WEENUS!!!

\*game freezes, needs to restart\*

\*bing\*

B: What was that?

D: She was meant to wink at another player.

\*bing\*

A: Why can't young people wink???

D: \*turns over\* I'd rather not do that

C: Aw we did that last time. It's a good one!

A: What was it?

E: The swinging one.

\*bing\*

E: Ooooh. \*hums song\*

((laughs))

A: What are you humming?!

\*bing\*

D: Jingle bells?!

((all laugh))

E: It was 'It's okay to be gay'!

B: Okay, this screen is for everyone.

Matt: Okay...well cos there's two of this one...

\*bing\*

((general chatter in silence))

\*dong\*

\*bing\*

((laughs))

A: Does this say dingly bits or tickly bits?

((all: tickly bits))

E: Just draw some armpits and you're fine ((laughs))

C: I got that one before

A: It's not letting me draw.

Matt: Want some paper?

A: Nah it's fine. Aw I should have drawn a foot. Or an ankle!

C: Ahhh \*turns over\*

D: Massage, C

B: Massage a penis

\*bing\*

D: Draw....

A: You can't draw

\*bing\*

E: \*turns over\* Nah I don't want to do it...

\*bing\*

A: B, unlock your phone. I'm taking a selfie!

\*bing\*

C: What's this one... what am I doing

A: What are you doing

D: It's the shine a light one

\*bing\*

E: \*turns over\*

A: Should we wait for B to come back?

\*bing\*

((laughs))

A: I want to listen to this voice memo now!

B: No, not now...later!

A: Aw, the games done. It's over.

Matt: So when, like B left the room with your phone, they potentially have access to all your messages and stuff. Is there anything a bit...? Nervewracking? I guess you're friends, so you trust each other.

A: Just don't go on my photos and everything will be okay.

B: Same.

A: Do we pinky promise to never look at each others photos?

((pinky promise))

Matt: So, guys it's up to you. We can play it as much as you like -

((yeses))

Matt - I've got other games, like a movement based game -

A: Can we play on the Oculus Rift?

Matt: - and I've got the Oculus rift. But do you wanna play this some more? I don't mind.

B: Yeah, go on. Who wants to start this time?

D: I will.

A: I volunteer as tribute!

\*game loads\*

\*bing\*

\*bing\*

B: I've not had a moment...

A: Yeah, the one when you were angry with me. Do you remember?

B: Aw, we're calling that a moment then?

A: Yeah, yeah.

\*bing\*

A: Ah. Take a photo of my body part.

\*bing\*

D: Oh my God...everyone leave the room. I pick E.

E: Embarrassing moment...first kiss....romantic moment....??

D: I've not had any of them ((laughs))

E: Alright, then.

\*everyone re-enters\*

\*bing\*

B: Hm. [Place] is a romantic place.

A: Aw, memories.

A: \*turns over\* FANNY!

D: Gave is a heart attack!

\*bing\*

D: I'm not doing that one. I don't like that one.

C: Why??

D: Cause I don't!

A: What one was it?

C: The swinging one.

A: Ohhh. Me and B do that too often.

A: If you want to take a selfie on my phone it has to be on Snapchat and then I'll put it on my story.

B: I don't take selfies.

A: "I don't take selfies" Yeah you do!

C: I'm trusting you with this on your phone...

A: It's take a selfie!

C: It's a foot selfie!

Matt: Oh, we've come to the end....oh what happened

E: You know the one that was like send a message? I sent a message to someone and they wrote back, I love you too

Matt: Awww, sweet.

A: If anyone sent a message to someone on my phone like that they'd be like: What's going on??? What's wrong with you, do you want my money?

E: It was my boyfriend, so yeah.

A: Ah okay. How long have yo been together?

E: Eleventh of June.

A: Awww. Relationships!

E: So a month and...I don't know.



D: Can I have my phone back??

Matt: So can anyone think of anything the game could ask them to do - like a suggestion for a task?

((laughter))

A: I wanna say this, but like...I think there should be different levels, because it says Talk about Sex, and yet again it's not really talking about sex, but like that could be kind of beginner's level. Cause you're talking about your first kiss. So, like. I don't know because like...

Matt: So there's some...could you have like a parent?

A: I think if there was like a parent kind of design, because then you could like, learn more about your parents but in a creepy way I've just realised...just like, who is your first kiss!

Matt: So if there was a more extreme one, would it be asking about...

A: That would be fun around friends as well.

Matt: What would it be asking, like? About sexual experience?

A: It could. Or...

Matt: Would that be too much?

A: I think that's the top. Like, and it does depend on who you're playing with.

Matt: There could be one about relationships.

A: Platonic relationships!

Matt: So like, what do you wanna talk about? Relationships, intimacy, sex, you know, explicitly. Uh. I dunno.

A: It would have been good if you brought this to Pride.

Matt: Yeah! Maybe I will, next year. Do you think it should have anything to do with sexual health?

A: Yeah...like one of the questions could be 'Name an STI' except for the obvious ones like chlamydia and gonorrhoea. Tons of people know about them, but do they know the other kinds...? And do they know how you can get it?

B: Or like types of protection

A: Like, do you know how to get tested?

Matt: So for me, what's nice about that game is taking a selfie on someone else's phone, and you know, the playful ones. I wonder where a sexual health message could fit in there. We don't know, we've been...trying to find a way....to get it in there.

B: What about like...make a ten second song about sexual health or something like that?

Matt: Quickly name as many types of contraception....sing the name of an STI?

((laughs))

E: Sing STI's to the theme of Bohemian Rhapsody! ((laughs))

B: Gonorrheaaaaaa!

((laughs))

Matt: What about, well we liked, having the idea of consent in there. I think there kind of was, in terms of everyone was negotiating the game by themselves.

I wonder if it could be made more explicit somewhere? A task that...two players negotiating....obviously not sex!

A: So B, neither of us have experienced it, but let's talk about it!

B: Oh there's a song like that \*sings song\*

Matt: It could be like...do something nice for someone else? Or ask them....cause Derek gave me the example of a cup of tea. Consent is like you don't make somebody drink a cup of tea. If they don't want it....

\*in background\*

D: Delete that photo of me, I look dead!

Matt: Cool! So I'm glad you liked it, I guess it just had to be longer!

B: When I was playing a different game, there was a setting where you can adjust how many rounds you wanted. Something like that? Or like a timer?

A: Yeah, like in Cards against humanity where you can have say, twenty rounds.

B: So like you can have time limits, the first person to ten points....

A: You could have like randomised rounds...

Matt: Right okay! So I guess that's it.

