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Gather some friends together and hold a debate. First, pick an issue, such as whether or not eating meat is wrong. Then pick a side. It doesn't matter if you haven't completely made up your mind yet. In fact, you may want to try taking a side at random, just to see what it's like. Build your argument with reasons you can back up with evidence. Anticipate the objections your opponents might have and try to answer them. Remember that, for philosophers, the goal is not to win the debate, but rather to come a little closer to finding the truth.