

When I, together with two other novice members, joined this interesting philosophy group, it had already existed for a few years.

We were sitting around a beautiful table which we used as our conversation point, to analyse and discuss how this piece of furniture was fashioned and shaped into a table, also questioning how we knew it was a table and other philosophical ideas. This was a great starting point for me.

We get our information from various sources such as books, documentaries from radio and television, and downloads via Philosophy Libraries.

We have 'lived the lives' and tried to understand the philosophy of various great thinkers. For example: From Brian Magee's book *The Great Philosophers* where there are 15 dialogues, starting with Plato...working our way through to finish with Wittgenstein.

This made for interesting reading and discussions in our group. Obviously we all had our different responses.

It is interesting to read other philosophy books too. We keep

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on revisiting and finding out more about philosophers we 'met before', and also learn about contemporary philosophers.

We listened online via the computer to Melvyn Bragg's BBC Radio Programme: *In Our Time Philosophy Archive*. The interviews with several philosophers about topics such as Friendship, Guilt, and Happiness, made for lively conversation.

Our group leader suggested that, if we liked, any one of us could lead our group by choosing a subject to present. So far we have learnt about Altruism, Roland Barthes, Jean Paul Sartre and Existentialism. More is to come.

The atmosphere within our group is always pleasant and enjoyed by all.