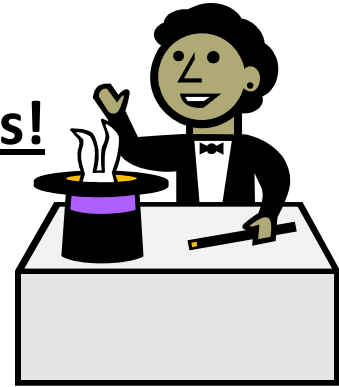


Miraculous Magic Tricks!



The Magic Thumb Trick

The Trick- You have a friend or audience member hold onto your handkerchief covered thumb, and it comes away in their hand!

You will need: a piece of carrot about the size of your thumb, and a handkerchief or scarf.

While hiding the carrot by holding it in your palm, make a thumbs -up sign. Place the handkerchief over your hand and move the carrot into place, so it looks like your thumb. Tell your friend your thumb has been a little loose lately, and could they help tighten it up. Hold out your arm and tell your friend to hold onto your thumb (which is actually the carrot). As soon as they are holding onto the carrot turn around like you forgot something and



take a step or two away, leaving your friend holding the carrot, with your real thumb bent into your fist. Look surprised and say something funny, like "I told you it was loose!" or "I said tighten it not pull it off!" Now your friend thinks they are holding your thumb!

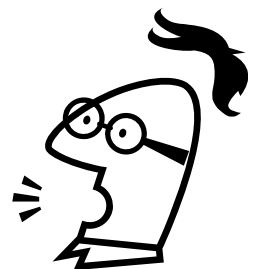


Mind Reading Trick

The Trick- Amaze your audience by reading someone's mind!

You will need: clear tape, a small piece of pencil lead, a pencil and a large notebook or notepad (an artist sketch book works great!).

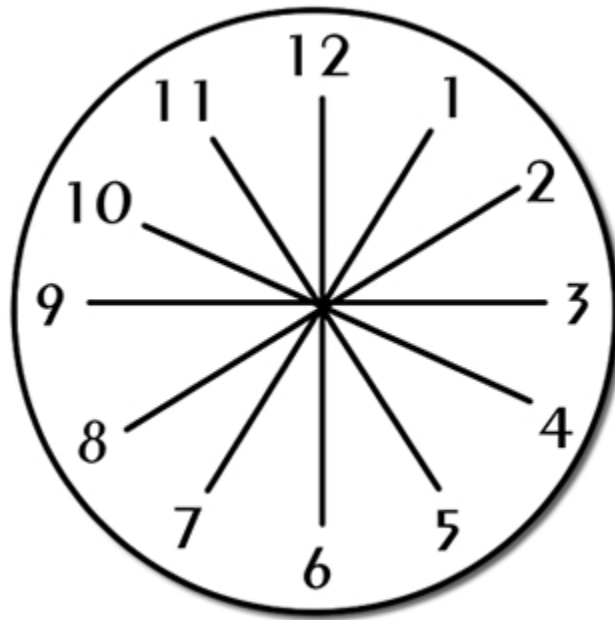
Wrap a piece of clear tape around the thumb on the hand that you write with, sticky side out. Stick a small piece of pencil lead on the thumb part, making sure to keep your thumb hidden from the audience's view. Before the trick begins, tell your audience that you can read minds and that you are going to write down a number and draw a shape on the notepad. Make a big production about writing something down on the notepad with your pencil (when really you are writing nothing) and then set your pencil down. Hide the notepad from the audience's view and call an audience member up, making sure they stand or sit in front of you and can't see your notepad. Ask the audience member to pick a number between one and ten. As they answer, using your thumb with the pencil lead stuck on it, secretly write the number on the notepad. Pretend to be concentrating intently (nod your head, smile, etc.) as they speak, so the audience will not see you moving your thumb on the



notepad. Next, ask them to pick a shape. As they answer, secretly draw the shape underneath the number. Now show the notepad with the number and shape written on it to the audience and amaze them with your mind reading skills!

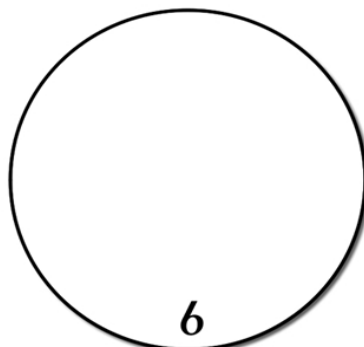
The Magic Clock Trick

The Trick- Show your audience or a friend that you can read their mind!



Show your friend or audience a picture of the magic clock above.

Tell your audience to pick a number on the clock. Next have them follow the straight line from their number, through the center of the clock and to the number on the other side. Then tell them to take the two numbers that are connected by the line and subtract the smaller number from the larger one. Tell your audience to picture the number in their heads. Next, after making a thinking face, tell them you have guessed the number, and it is the number..... 6. You can also show them a picture of a clock with only a 6 on it, like the one below. (It will always be six- can you guess why?)



Classic Math Mind Reading Trick

The Trick- Amaze your friends with your math mind reading skills!

Have your friend or audience member follow these instructions:

To start, pick a number between 2 and 9. It can be 2 or it can be 9, or any number in between.

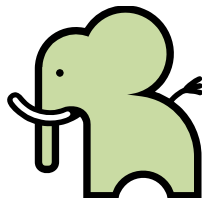
Take the number that you've chosen and multiply it by 9. This should give you a two digit number. Take the two digits of the number and add them together. For example, if your number is 16, take the one and six and add them to make seven.

Take the resulting number and subtract 5 from it. Take that number and correspond it to a letter in the alphabet. A =1, B=2, C=3, etc.

Take your letter, and think of a country that begins with that letter. For example, "B" might make you think of Brazil, "D" could be Denmark or "F" could be France.

Take the second letter in the name of that country and think of an animal. For example, "P" may make you think of a Penguin and "Z" may make you think of Zebra.

Now ask them: Do you now have a country and animal?



Amaze them by saying:

I didn't know that there were **Elephants in Denmark!**

Is There a Ghost in the Room?

The Trick- Tell a friend you have seen and felt ghosts in the room, and you can help them feel a ghost too!

Have your friend sit in front of you. Tell them to look around the room and see if they see any evidence of any ghosts. Tell your friend you are going to do a trick that makes them sensitive to ghosts. Take both of your index fingers and point them up. Now slowly bring them towards your friend, while explaining that you are going to have them close their eyes, and you are going to put your fingers gently on their eyes. Make sure you move your index fingers slowly towards their eyes, and right as they close their eyes, instead of touching them with both index fingers, touch them with the index finger and pinky of one hand (or your thumb and pinky). Now you have one hand free, but they think both of your index fingers are on their eyes. Tell them now you and your friend are a ghost antenna!



Now the fun part. Gently whisk your free hand by their ear, or touch their hair very lightly. The trick is to make a very small movement. After the small movement, bring your free hand back in front of their eyes. Slowly pull your hands back with index fingers extended and ask them to open their eyes, so they see what they saw as they closed their eyes a moment before. See if they want to do it again, except this time do something a little different, such as a slight tug on the shirt or rub your fingers next to their ear for a spooky effect! This is an especially fun trick on Halloween or at slumber parties!

