

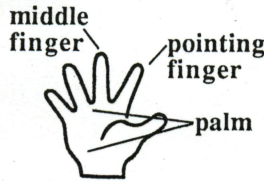
Reading magic



Most people like magic. It is entertaining. It also makes us think. We know magic tricks aren't real. If we see a magician do something impossible, we know it is a trick. It isn't real. But it looks real. We wonder how the magician did it?

You're going to learn two magic tricks. You'll read about one. Then you'll teach it to a partner. After that, she'll teach you a trick.

For your trick, you need to know these words:



Hint When you do magic, it's a good idea to move your hands a lot. If you don't, the people watching will see what you do. They'll understand the trick. It won't be interesting. It is also a good idea to talk a lot. Talking makes it harder for them to notice your "secret" actions.

- 1 Work with a partner. Cut this paper into strips.
- 2 Read the sentences.
Find the word that tells when (before, after, etc.). Underline it.
Put the ones you think are in near the beginning in a group.
Put those that are near the end in another group.
- 3 Read the strips again. Put them in order. Write the numbers (1-9) in the boxes. Read it again to make sure you are correct.
- 4 Practice the trick. Then find a new partner.
Show her your trick. After that, learn her trick.

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1. Before you do the trick, prepare "magic powder." Do this by rubbing a piece of chalk on a scissors or knife. Then, secretly touch the powder with the middle finger of both of your hands. Make sure your partner doesn't see this. (A)
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- After she's answered, wipe off the back of her hands. Use a handkerchief or tissue. (B)
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- After you've secretly put the spot on her hand, tell her to make fists. (C)
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- Begin by telling your partner to hold up her hands. (D)
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- Finally, tell her to open her hands. When she does, she'll be surprised to see the spots on her palms. (E)
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- Now that she's made a fist, put your pointing finger in the powder. With that finger, put a spot on the back of you partner's hands. Both of you can see the spot. (F)
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- Then say, "Where's the spot?" She'll answer, "On my hands." (G)
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- When she holds up her hands, lift them higher. As you do, secretly touch the bottom of her hands. Do this with your middle finger. Your middle fingers have "magic powder" on them. You are secretly putting a spot on her hands. (H)
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- When you've wiped off the spot, tell her to turn her hands over. (I)