

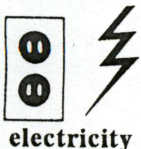
Reading magic



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:



electricity



horizontally
a horizontal line



clockwise
the same direction
as a clock



counter-clockwise
the opposite direction
as a clock

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 this trick, you have to get a straw. If you don't have a straw, a cigarette will work. You can also use a round pencil, but it is a little more difficult. (A)
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 2. After she answers, say "Watch." With your right hand, make three circles around the straw clockwise. Move your hand slowly. (B)
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 3. After you've put the straw on the desk, say to your partner, "Did you know that your hands contain electricity?" She'll probably answer, "I know that." "I didn't know that." or "Really?" (C)
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 4. As you move your hand away from the straw, secretly blow on it so it moves toward your hand. (D)
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 5. In the end, your partner will be surprised. (E)
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 6. Once you've made circles both ways, put your right hand on the table about 10 centimeters (cm.) from the straw. Your face should be about 30 cm. in front of the straw. Your hand is 10 cm. in back of it. (F)
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 7. Then, say something like, "Watch my hand. Watch the straw." Slowly move your hand away from the straw. (G)
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 8. Then, with your other hand, make three circles around the straw counter-clockwise. (H)
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 9. To begin, put the straw on your desk horizontally. (I)