How Magic Tricks work



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Key vocabulary

mysterious, magician, vanish, incredible, unbelievable, predict, ventriloquist

Grammatical conventions

- Actions verbs: push, show, wet, hide, put
- Adverbs that modify verbs: slowly, hard
- Use of conjunctions of condition, e.g. so that, if, then

Spelling

- Syllabification: ven/tri/lo/quist
- Prefixes and suffixes: incredible, unbelievable
- Investigate the origins of words: magician, ventriloquist
- Noun and verb: practice/practise

Creative thinking task – Knowledge



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Magic

Magic is exciting and mysterious, but many magic tricks are very simple to do. After reading this book you will be able to perform tricks that will have your friends scratching their heads in amazement!

To do these tricks, you will need some important magic equipment, and you will need to make your own **sliding box**.

Equipment needed:





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There are many ways to make your magic show more fun. Why not dress up as a magician or pretend to be an alien with magical powers? Use your imagination to think of outfits you could wear. You could even make a magician's hat out of cardboard or a colourful cape out of a sheet.

Don't worry if some of the tricks don't work very well the first time. Just keep practising!

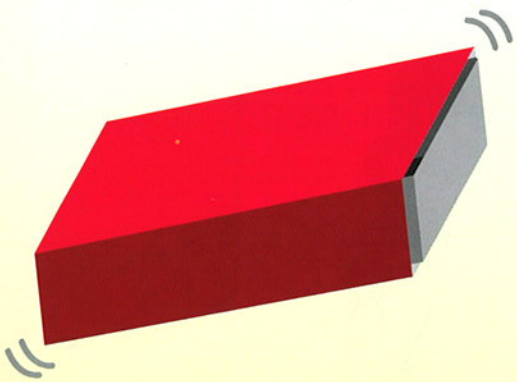


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The Case of the Vanishing Toothpicks

The trick.

Shake the sliding box to show the audience that it is full of toothpicks.



But when you open it, the box is empty!



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How to do it.

- Make sure you are wearing a shirt with baggy sleeves.
- Attach a box full of toothpicks to your arm with a big rubber band.
- When you shake the empty box, it will make a noise like it is full!



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The Houdini Files



Harry Houdini was one of the most famous magicians of all time. His real name was Ehrich Weiss. He was born in 1874 in Hungary, Europe. His family moved to America when he was four years old.

Houdini could escape from almost anything. He escaped from handcuffs, **leg irons**, coffins and prison cells. He even escaped from a giant paper bag without tearing it!



