



# Magic Tricks

This activity is a 'UMA' from the Express Myself (dark pink) theme. It counts for 60 minutes - remember you eventually need to have 300 minutes of UMA's for each theme.

**Aim of activity:** Magicians don't often reveal their secrets, but you'll find them here! Amaze your audience with some brilliant tricks.

## What you'll need:

- Coin
- A pack of playing cards

## What to do:

1. Practice these three tricks:

### Disappearing coin

- Hold the coin by the edges between your thumb and index finger.
- Using your other hand, pretend to take the coin but actually knock it into your original coin-holding hand. Make your empty hand into a fist.
- Using your magician flair, blow on your empty fist and open it to show that the coin has disappeared.
- While doing this, bring the hand with the coin in behind an audience member's ear and make it appear from there.

### Card magic

- Ask someone to pick a card. Get them to remember it.
- Split the deck in half and get them to return their card face down. Sneakily look at the card that's in the other half of the deck.
- Shuffle a little, avoiding moving their card and the one you memorised.
- Look at the deck and find the card you memorised. Theirs is next to it!

### Mind reading

- Read this statement to your audience:  
*"Gather round and prepare to be amazed. I'm the amazing Guide trickster, an incredible magician, and I'm here to read your mind.  
Think of a number between one and ten in your head. Don't say it out loud.  
Now times that number by two, add eight, then divide by two and subtract your original number."*
- Give them a minute to work out the sum and then declare that the number they are left with is the number 4. Woah. Magic!

2. Learn one more magic trick. You could look on Google/YouTube or perhaps you have a book with tricks in.
3. Find an audience to perform your tricks to – it can be your family at home.
4. Have fun doing your magic show!