

Expand your sense of wonder



1 Magicians' tricks require hours of long and difficult practice to master. Could you practice and then perform the following tricks?

The Disappearing Toy

What You Need:

- A paper cup
- Two small beads, balls, toys, or other identical objects

What You Do:

1. Take your cup and cut a small hole in the bottom. Make sure the hole is big enough for your item to easily fit through, but not any bigger than it needs to be. Place one of your items in your pocket and use one for your performance.
2. Hold the cup from the bottom, with your hand covering the hole.
3. Put your item in the cup. The item should fall through the hole so that it ends up in your hand.
4. Put your cup on the table. The item has vanished!
5. For the big finish, take the other item out of your pocket. Look surprised – the audience thinks the item in the cup magically made its way to your pocket!

Easy Card Trick

What You Need:

- A deck of cards

What You Do:

1. Before the show, divide the deck of cards into two stacks: one of red cards and one of black cards. Place one stack on top of the other. Remember which one you put on top! Have a friend pick one card from the top. Then have her put the card near the bottom of the deck.
2. Split the deck in the middle (it doesn't have to be the exact middle) and move the bottom half onto the top of your deck.
3. Look through the deck to find your friend's card. The color of the card that he chose should be the only one between the other colored cards.

2 In addition to relying on skills, magicians share an informal code of secrecy. The secrecy is intended to protect their tricks from being exposed to the public. But also, they rely on friendship and determination. What would you have done if you were one of the campers and had arrived to camp unprepared? Could you come up with an act by yourself? Who would you ask for help? After practicing the previous tricks, could you create your very own magic trick?

Title of Act:	
What you need	What you do

3 The filmmaker said, "I wanted to make a film about why I thought the camp is so special. It's a place where kids who are not the captains of the football team fit in. It's a place where these misfits — big magic geeks — can come together and be accepted and considered cool." What is a special skill that you have? Is there a camp for it? Draw or write your answer below.

