

Another, “I Can Read Your Mind Trick”

This is a neat little trick that works depending on the age and/or general knowledge of the person, or people, that you are playing the trick on. I’ll first of all show you the trick, and I urge you to cover up the answer, on page two, until you have followed all the steps.

- (1) Think of any number from 2 to 9, inclusive (that means you can include 2 and 9). Write this down.
- (2) Multiply it by 9. Write this down.
- (3) You now have a two digit number, add the digits together. Write this down.
- (4) You now have a one digit number, subtract 5 from that number. Write this down.
- (5) From the list below, choose the letter of the alphabet that is below your number that you got in step (4). Write this down.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I

- (6) Think of a country that begins with the letter you chose in step (5). Write this down.
- (7) Now take the last letter in your country. Write this down.
- (8) Think of an animal that begins with the letter you wrote down in step (7). Write this down.
- (9) Now, take the last letter in your animal. Write this down.
- (10) Think of something that a person might eat that begins with the letter you wrote down in step (9).
- (11) Now stare at the three words that you have written down: the animal and the thing that you can eat, and your country.

An animal

eating an

in (your country)

Wait, for it. Wait for it (I am now reading your mind!!!). Wait for it...

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You are thinking of: **A Kangaroo eating an Orange in Denmark !**

Why it works (for about 98% of the people).

Steps 1 and 2 will give you a multiple of 9: These will be one of the following numbers: 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, or 81. When you add the digits together in step (3) you will always end up with the number 9 ! Try it, on each of the possible numbers in the list above. In step (4) you are asked to subtract 5 from your number, so all the people will now have the number “4”, if they have done everything correct up to now.

The 4th letter of the alphabet is “D”, so in step (5) everybody should have the letter “D”. Here is where the problem occurs for young students, or people who do not know the names of many countries. The first country that should come to their mind is “Denmark”. According to Google, the only countries whose names begin with the letter “D” are: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, or Dominican Republic. Almost everybody will pick “Denmark” if they know of that country. One way to help them, is to “seed” that name in their minds earlier. For instance, with two people that I did this trick with a few days ago, I told them a few hours BEFORE I did the trick about an exchange student from Denmark that I had met at the school I substituted at that day. The student was fictitious, but I “seeded” the word “Denmark” into their sub-conscious.

Now step (6), hopefully, they write down Denmark, then step (7) they pick off the last letter of “K”. Thus in step (8), again, most people will think of a “Kangaroo” that begins with the letter “K”. According to Google, the names of animals that begin with “K” are: kangaroo, kingfisher (is this an animal ?), koala bear, a kob (from Uganda), komodo dragon, kookaburra, or a greater kudu. Really, if they get this far, a person will really choose from kangaroo, or a koala bear, with maybe a “kitten” chosen. You can stop them from choosing a “kitten” by saying: “Pick the name of an ADULT animal that begins with your letter”.

Finally, if they have now chosen “Kangaroo”, then, in step (9), the last letter of “kangaroo” is “O”. Now the only thing that you can eat that begins with “O” is the word “Orange”.

It is remarkable, but really 98% (according to where I got this trick from) will have a **Kangaroo** eating an **Orange** in **Denmark**.

Have fun with this, believe me, the look on their face is priceless when you “read their mind”. Not many people will know that all multiples of 9 have a digital sum of 9, so that no matter what number they think of in step (1), all people will end up with a digital sum of “9”. In fact you could say “think of any number from 1 to 100 in step (1), then get to continually add the digits of their answer until they get just one digit, which will always be “9”.

Here are some examples:

I will think of 23. $23 \times 9 = 207$ and $2 + 0 + 7 = 9$.

I will think of 57. $57 \times 9 = 513$ and $5 + 1 + 3 = 9$.

I will think of 74. $74 \times 9 = 666$ and $6 + 6 + 6 = 18$, and $1 + 8 = 9$.

I will think of 95. $95 \times 9 = 855$ and $8 + 5 + 5 = 18$ and $1 + 8 = 9$.