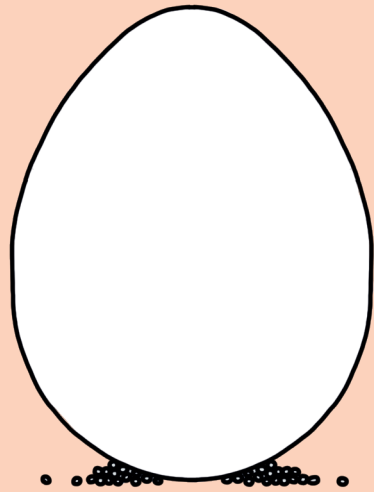


THE BALANCING EGG

You will need: • Table salt • Egg
• Drinking straw



Challenge a friend to balance an egg so it stands vertically on a smooth surface. It is impossible – unless you know how.

Make a small pile of table salt and stand the egg upright on top of it. Now gently blow the salt away with a drinking straw. With just one or two grains of salt remaining, the egg should keep upright.

THE PLAYING CARD TRICK

You will need: • Two playing cards

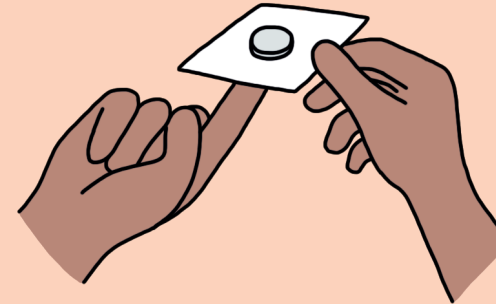


Take two playing cards and place one on the floor about 30cm in front of a friend. Hand them the other card and challenge them to drop it from above their waist so it lands touching the other card.

Most people will hold the card vertically, which means it flutters to one side. On your turn, hold the card horizontally, level with the floor. It should roughly fall in a straight line.

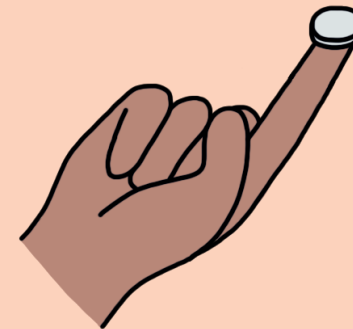
THE COIN ON THE CARD TRICK

You will need: • Playing card • Coin



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Get a friend to extend their index finger. Balance a playing card on the fingertip and place a coin on top. The trick is to remove the card without the coin falling off. Can they do it?

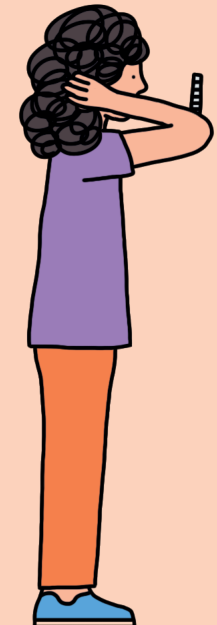


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Probably not, but you can! With your hand pull the card away horizontally, quickly. You might want to practise this a few times before you're ready to do the trick perfectly. The card flies off and the coin stays in place. Magic!

THE COIN SNATCH

You will need: • Lots of coins



Bend your hand towards your shoulder and balance a pile of coins close to your elbow. The trick is to whip your hand over and catch the coins before they hit the floor. It is possible, but without practice there's a big chance of scattering cash all over the place.

IT'S NO JOKE! The coin-snatching world record stands at over 300 coins!