

This trick requires the person whose mind you are reading to use a bit of maths, or they can cheat with a calculator.

You will need: • Calculator

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Ask a friend to think of a number from one to ten. Or one to 100 if they are using a calculator. Tell them not to reveal the number yet!

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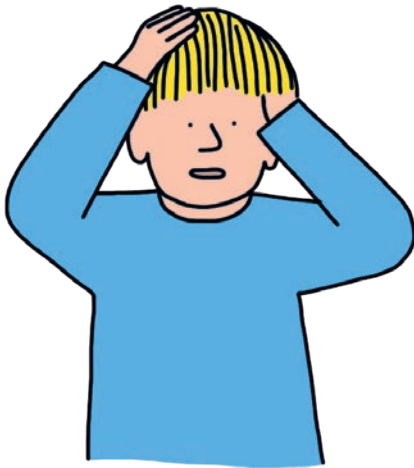
Now get them to divide that new total by two.

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Get them to double the number, then add 12. Next, add five and subtract three.

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Finally, ask them to take away the number they first thought of. Pause for a moment and then say, 'The total you are now thinking of is seven!' They may be impressed, or fed up with doing maths. Either way the answer is always seven.



Top tip! Start the trick by secretly writing the number seven on a blank piece of paper. Hide it away and then tell your friend that their final total will be what is on that piece of paper.