

ESP 2 - Read Your Mind Trick

Start:

Teacher tells the student(s) to do the following:

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| Step 1: Mentally pick a single digit between 1 and 9 inclusive | example: | 7 |
| Step 2: Mentally double your number | | 14 |
| Step 3: Mentally add 8 to your number | | 22 |
| Step 4: Mentally divide your number by 2 | | 11 |
| Step 5: Mentally subtract your original number in step 1)
from the last answer in step 4 | | 4 |
- Step 6: Assign a letter that will correspond with your number from step. For instance, if the resulting number is 1 then assign the letter 'A', if 2 then 'B', if 3 then 'C', and so on.
- Step 7: Think of a country in the northern hemisphere that begins with this letter.
- Step 8: Take the second letter in the country name and think of the largest animal whose name starts with that second letter. Write down the name of the animal.
- Step 9: Write down what color the animal is.

Mental Trick:

Teacher asks the class how many wrote down a grey elephant?

How teacher gets the answer:

Denmark is the country students will think of followed by the grey elephant answer.

Note: The answer is not always foolproof.

Why it works:

Here's the secret: where "n" stands for the number chosen:

$[(2n + 8) / 2] - n$; or simplified, $(n + 4) - n$ which is always 4.