

Mind games

(LEVEL B2/C1)

Part 1: WARM-UP

EX.1. What do you think is the difference between a magician, an illusionist, a hypnotist and a mind-reader? Have you ever seen any of these people performing? Did you enjoy it? Why/why not? Discuss the questions with your partner.



Part 2: VOCABULARY

EX.2.a Match the expressions with their meanings.

A. susceptible to sth	a. a feeling or thought that relates to sth
B. a count	b. to say sth quickly without thinking about it
C. genuinely	c. strange or unusual
D. freaky	d. a European noble man
E. an association	e. easily influenced by sth
F. to pluck sth out of the air	f. in a sincere way

EX.2.b Now use the expressions in an appropriate form to fill in the sentences below.

1. Did he check these figures anywhere or did he just them
2. This film was a bit I was a little scared.
3. She is so to flattery – all you have to do is give her a compliment and she'll agree to anything!
4. Have you ever read „The of Monte Cristo?”
5. I am sorry for what I've done to you!
6. We didn't see any particular between these two events.

Part 3: WATCHING

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNc47aDjHvI&t=77s>

EX.3.a You are going to watch a video of an illusionist performing two tricks. What happened? How did he do it?

EX.3.b Now watch the video again and answer the questions below:

1. What does Brown enjoy the most when performing?
2. Who was he hired to entertain that evening?
3. What does Brown order Alex to do?
4. What is he not allowed to do?
5. How does the word association game work?
6. What were the words used by the participants?
7. What was Jenna's reaction like at the end of the video?

Part 4: GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT:

EX.4. Using past modals try to speculate with your partner about some possible ways Derren Brown may have performed the trick.

I think he may have.....

I don't think he could've.....

He definitely must've.....

I suppose he couldn't have.....

Part 5: SPEAKING

EX.5. Answer the following questions with your partner:

1. Why are shows like this one so popular among people?
2. Would you like to take part in Derren Brown's performance? Why/why not?
3. Do you think you need to be particularly talented or skillful to perform tricks like these?