

A simple number prediction.

Effect: This is a simple demonstration that with the right delivery could make an impressive routine. Spectator is asked to write down a three digit number. The magician makes a prediction on a piece of paper and puts it away out of sight. The spectator then writes three more digits under the first three. The magician then quickly writes an additional three digits under the last set. The spectator is asked to total the 3 sets. Magician pulls out a piece of paper with the prediction matching the total exactly.

Preparation: Nothing other than pen & paper.

Performance: This is very easy to do math magic done on the fly anywhere. The spectator writes his first set of digits.

Example: Spectator writes "278"

At this point the magician makes his prediction after seeing the first set of numbers. In this example the spectator wrote "278". To make the prediction all you need to do is add the digit "1" to the beginning and subtract "1" from the number on the end. In this case the prediction is "1277". (If the number on the end happened to be zero, make it a "9")

Magician's prediction: "1277"

The spectator writes his next set of numbers. This example is "324"

Example: 278
324

The magician writes the next set of numbers. In this example it is "675". The magic here is that you have to make the last set of numbers and your numbers total 9 in each column. In this example the last set the spectator wrote was "324" so 6 would need to be added to 3 to make 9. 7 added to 2 and 5 added to 4.

Example:
278
324
675

6+3=9
7+2=9
5+4=9

Spectator adds the three sets up.

$$\begin{array}{r} 278 \\ 324 \\ + 675 \\ \hline 1277 \end{array}$$