

Lesson 40: Magic Show

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about "*Magic show.*"

Have fun learning English!

Warm-up | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

- **blow one's mind** - to produce a very strong pleasant or shocking feeling
- **obvious** - easy to see or understand
- **misdirection** - the act of distracting, drawing someone's attention away from something
- **deceive** - to make someone believe something that is not true
- **obstruct** - to block something so that someone cannot go or see through it
- **supernatural** - that cannot be explained by the laws of science and that seems to involve gods or magic
- **display** - to show something
- **catch** - a hidden difficulty or disadvantage; trick
- **make a fool of** - to say or do something deliberately so that people will think that someone is stupid

Activity 1 | Dialogue 1

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Roxy and Andy are at a magic show. Roxy looks excited while Andy looks bored.

Roxy : I've seen so many amazing magic shows in my life, but this is the best one I've ever seen. I'm sure it will **blow your mind!**

Andy : They're all just illusions. It's nothing but smoke and mirrors.

Roxy : I don't know why you say that.

Andy : It's **obvious!** Don't you think that this is just **misdirection?** Magicians **deceive** your eyes behind the curtain or the stage. For example, this magician. He just leaves through the trap door while smoke **obstructs** your view.

Roxy : Maybe that's how the trick was done, but how do you explain the mind reader?

Andy : Maybe they're just pretending to be reading or to be read. I'm sure all **supernatural** powers that magicians and entertainers **display** on the stage have another side. Don't be tricked by the **catch**. They might be **making a fool of** us behind the stage. Who knows?

Roxy : And maybe you're just bored.

Andy : And maybe I'm the most boring person you've ever met!

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. Why was Roxy excited?
2. Why was Andy bored?
3. What did Andy say about magicians?

Activity 2 | Dialogue 2

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher. Then discuss card trick with the teacher.

Josef is showing Moca a card trick.

Josef: Okay, pick a card, any card.

Cassidy: I'll pick this one.

Josef: Alright, now memorize it. Show it to everybody. Got it?

Cassidy: Got it.

Josef: Give it back to me. But don't show me, okay?

Cassidy: Alright. Here.

Josef: It must be 3 of hearts.

Cassidy: Wow, wonderful! How do you do it?

Josef: That's a secret.

Activity 3 | Free Conversation

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

1. Do you like watching magic shows?
2. Do you believe in magic? Why or why not?
3. Do you think magic shows are safe or dangerous for performers? Why?
4. Can you do some card tricks?
5. Do you believe supernatural powers exist in this world? Why or why not?