

## The Mind Reader

Abe told his friend Corey that he could read minds and was ready to prove his power as a mind reader. First, Abe spread out nine magazines on the floor. He then arranged the magazines in three rows of three magazines each.

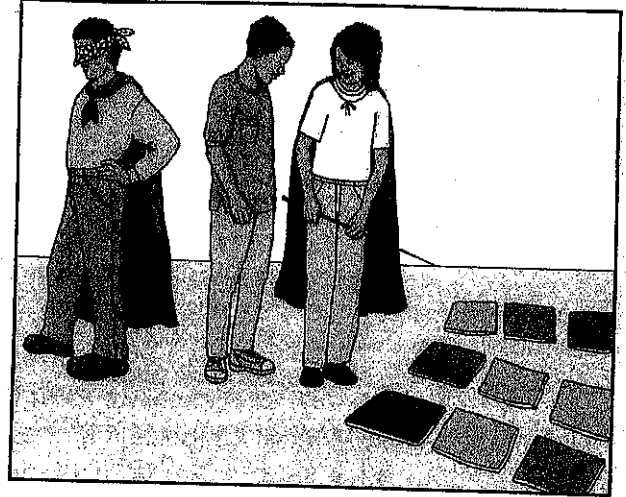
Abe's sister Sandra, who knew how to do the trick, acted as his assistant. She placed a blindfold over Abe's eyes. Next, she turned him around so that his back faced Corey. Abe then asked his friend to touch one of the magazines.

After Corey made his choice, Abe turned around and removed his blindfold. He told Corey to concentrate on the correct magazine, but not to look directly at it.

With a measuring stick, Sandra pointed to the bottom right corner of the first magazine in the top row. "Is it this one?" she asked Abe.

Abe answered, "No." Sandra continued to point to magazines, from the top row to the bottom row. Each time, she asked, "Is this the one?" Each time, Abe shook his head "No." Finally, when the pointer touched the last magazine in the bottom row, Abe nodded his head and said, "Yes, that's the one."

Corey was astounded. He wondered how Abe had figured out that the correct magazine was at the bottom right. Can you guess Abe's secret?



- Set up magazines on the floor.
- ~~Abe's~~ sister blindfolded him and turned him around.
- Abe asked Corey to pick a magazine.
- Abe then removed the blindfold.
- Sandra pointed at each magazine asking Abe if it was Corey's choice.
- ~~When~~ On the last ~~pick~~ <sup>point</sup> Abe knew it was Corey's.

In the story **The Mind Reader** Abe worked hard to prove he could read minds. Describe the steps Abe took in order to prove to Abe that he was able to read minds. Use details from the story to support your writing. Make sure to pay attention to paragraph and sentence structure, as well as spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Give your writing a title.

Corey

## Abe's Magic Trick

Abe got Corey to believe he could read minds in several steps. First, he set up magazines on the floor. Then Abe's sister, Sandra, blindfolded him and turned him around. Next Abe asked Corey to choose one of the magazines on the floor. Then, Abe took off the blindfold and turned around. Sandra asked Abe, one at a time, if the magazine she was pointing to was Corey's choice. When Sandra pointed at the last magazine ~~Corey~~<sup>Abe</sup> knew it was Corey's choice. Corey couldn't believe that Abe read his mind.

What are some possible causes for hurricanes to weaken and die?

Notes: - dies <sup>and weakens</sup> when it goes over land or cold water  
- warm water is its energy source

Resource: How Hurricanes Form and Die: Enchanted Learning.com

- when the water is cold it doesn't evaporate to fuel the storm.

Resource: Hurricane ~~and~~ Landfall and Storm Surges: Enchanted Learning.com

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There are ~~two~~ two main reasons that hurricanes weaken and die. One reason is when it travels over land it loses its energy source, which is the warm water evaporating off of the ocean. The second reason is when it travels over cold water it loses the same energy source.

Those are the reasons hurricanes weaken and die.

# Columbus and the Arawak Indians

**W**hen Christopher Columbus landed in the islands of the Caribbean, about 40 million people lived in North and South America. But Columbus did not know that he had discovered a new land. Indeed, he thought he had landed in India, so upon seeing the natives, he called them "Indians." Today they are known as Native Americans. One of the many tribes that lived on these islands was the Arawaks.

The Arawaks were quite different from any people that Columbus had ever seen—and indeed, Columbus and his men, arriving on the huge ship wearing their outlandish clothing, were quite unlike anything the Arawak had ever seen. But despite the language barriers, the Arawak and Columbus were able to communicate in a friendly way. Columbus learned that they could take the poison out of a root called *manioc* (MAN-ee-ock). They then ground this up and combined it with other ingredients to make bread. The Arawak also ate fish, sharks, turtles, and yams.

The Arawaks were impressed by Columbus' ships, the *Nina*, the *Pinta* and the *Santa Maria*, on which Columbus sailed. The Arawak had never even envisioned such crafts, but they did have giant canoes that could hold up to 100 people. (There were about 40 people on the *Pinta*.) They made these canoes by chopping down huge trees and then lighting small fires in the logs. After burning out the middle, they used stone tools to scoop out the ashes. They fashioned huge oars from the limbs of the trees. The Arawak were skilled in guiding the canoes and, with many rowers, could get up good speed.

Columbus learned many things about the Arawaks. One thing that surprised him was that, like the Europeans, the Arawaks also played games for fun. The Arawaks played a game called *batey* (bah-TAY), which was a lot like soccer. It was played with rubber balls, with participants kicking the ball across a huge field. Instead of just playing for fun, the Arawaks played batey to settle problems without fighting. The Arawak did not have any metal items such as knives or guns.

As Columbus traveled throughout the Caribbean, he met many other Native American tribes. Some of these he treated with respect and some he took as prisoners to be brought back to Spain. Columbus made four voyages to the New World, but he died without ever knowing that he had found a land previously unknown to the Europeans. He always thought that he was just sailing around islands near what must be China or India. He never set foot on what is now the United States. Columbus was really looking for a route to the east (China) and for gold. What he found were two entirely unknown continents that contained fascinating people who had been living there for thousands of years.

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The Famous Man and the Famous Mistake  
~~Columbus and the New Land~~

Christopher Columbus is a European explorer who is interested in finding gold in India or china not though land, but though ocean. Christopher Columbus sailed from Europe across the ocean and landed in the Caribbean which he assumed was India. So, when he saw natives he called them "Indians" which today they are known as Native Americans. Of the many tribes, there was the Arawak. Though their languages were different, they were still able to communicate. The Arawak's didn't have as much craftsmanship as Columbus did, so they were impressed when they saw the three ships that Columbus sailed. Similar to the European people the Arawak's played a game like soccer that is called batey and it was used to settle problems. Columbus also met other Native American tribes like the Arawak throughout the Caribbean. Some he made friends with and some he captured and kept as prisoners. Columbus sailed four times to what he thought was China or India, but he never actually knew that he had discovered two new continents.

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