

## Zoo Animals Magic Trick

*This fun magic trick will amaze and amuse classmates. It uses simple materials you may already have around your home. Remember, it's always a good idea to practice at home first!*

### Suggested Materials:

- ❖ 1 x toy giraffe (or other very common zoo animal eg. zebra, lion, hippo, tiger)
- ❖ 1 x bag large enough to hide your toy zoo animal
- ❖ 8 x slips of paper
- ❖ 1 x small box without a lid (eg. children's shoebox)
- ❖ 1 x piece of standard size office paper
- ❖ 1 x envelope
- ❖ 1 x felt-tip marker
- ❖ 1 x pencil

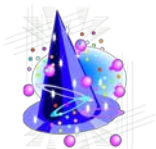
### Suggested Instructions:



**Step 1:** At home, choose one very common zoo animal from your toy collection. It **MUST** be a common zoo animal for this trick to work eg. a giraffe, a zebra, a lion, a tiger, a hippo, a monkey etc. Hide your toy inside your bag ready to take to school.



**Step 2:** Write the name of your animal in large letters on your office size paper eg. **GIRAFFE**. Fold your paper and seal it inside your envelope ready to take to school.



**Step 3:** At school, prominently display your sealed envelope and your bag with its hidden contents.



**Step 4:** Now ask 8 volunteers in your class, one by one, to name an animal they would expect to see at the zoo. Each time someone names an animal, you pretend to write down what they say on one of your slips of paper.



**Step 5:** What you really (secretly) write on your slip of paper, however, is the name of the animal you have hidden inside your bag and sealed envelope. If someone suggests "lion" you write "giraffe". If someone suggests "zebra" you write "giraffe".



**Step 6:** As you write "giraffe" on each and every slip of paper, fold it and drop it into your box. Repeat until 8 volunteers have been asked for their suggestions.



**Step 7:** Now give the contents of your box a quick mix with your hands and then ask one volunteer to choose one slip of paper from the box without looking and read it aloud. As every slip of paper will have "giraffe" written on it, the volunteer will say "giraffe".



**Step 8:** Now hand your sealed envelope to another volunteer and ask them to open it and read what is written on the piece of paper inside. Again they will say "giraffe".



**Step 9:** For your final act of magic, reach inside your bag and hold up your toy giraffe. Watch your classmates' jaws drop!



**Note:** Practice this trick a few times at home before trying it at school.