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Action Potential n. Occurs when the membrane potential of a specific neuron location rapidly rises and falls. https://bigpictureeducation.com/action-potential-animation Adaptation, Neural or Sensory n. The change over time in the responsiveness of a sensory system to a constant stimulus. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neural_adaptation After-discharge n. A sensory neuron's response to the turning off of a stimulus.
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Afterimage
 n. Refers to an image that continues to appear in one's vision after the exposure to the original image has ceased.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afterimage
Ambiguity
n. A type off uncertainty of meaning in which several interpretations are plausible.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ambiguity
Angles (or Angly)
n. The lines of vision of people sitting at certain positions in the audience which enable a secret method to be spotted. Usually the extreme left or extreme right, or behind. If a trick is "angly," it can only be done with limited audience viewpoints.

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337	Illusions	Axon
		n. A long, slender projection of nerve cell or neuron which typically conducts electrical impulses away from the neuron's cell body.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Axon
556	Illusions	Axon Hillock
		n. A specialized part of the cell body that connects to the axon where membrane action potentials are propagated.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Axon_hillock
338	Illusions	Axon Terminal
		n. Also referred to as a "Synaptic Button." The distal terminations of the branches of an axon.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Axon_terminal
403	Illusions	Back Palm
		v. To palm in the back of the hand.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyqdJnXpvz0
404	Illusions	Bevel
		v. To slide the top portion of a card deck back so that the back of the deck is at an angle. This is used in some card tricks.
342	Illusions	Binding Problem
		n. Refers to the difficulty the neurological system has when it is called upon to integrate stimuli from various neurological sensors.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binding_problem

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405	Illusions	Black Art
		n. The use of a stage filled with a black velvet curtain background, using assistants and other props that are hidden by black shrouds. Careful lighting helps keep the secret method a mystery to the audience.
557	Illusions	Bleach and Recycle Process
		v. Relates to the method rods in the retina of the eye sense light. When a photon is absorbed an opsin molecule is altered and when enough opsin molecules are changed, a neuron connected to the rod will fire.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bleach_and_recycle
407	Illusions	Blind Cut
		n. Also referred to as a "Blind Shuffle." A cut or apparent shuffle in which the cards appear mixed but all the cards are left completely undisturbed after the shuffle or cut.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mujlOFtX5KQ
406	Illusions	Blind Shuffle
		n. Also referred to as a "Blind Cut." A cut or apparent shuffle in which the cards appear mixed but all the cards are left completely undisturbed after the shuffle or cut.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWcm2JDT4IQ
321	Illusions	Blindsight
		n. A neurological condition in which a patient with damage in the primary visual cortex is unaware of visual events that occur in the corresponding portion of the visual field, despite exhibiting good performance on visual tasks conducted in that region.
451	Illusions	Bottoms-up Processing
		n. Sensation drives cognition.

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545	Illusions	Bottom-up Processing
		n. A type of perception where processing is performed as the sensory information comes into the brain through the senses.
		http://study.com/academy/lesson/bottom-up-processing-in-psychology-exam
343	Illusions	Causal Inference
		n. The process of drawing a conclusion about a causal connection based on the conditions of occurrence of the effect.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Causal_inference
550	Illusions	Cell Body
		n. The bulbous, non-process portion of a neuron cell which contains the nucleus. Also referred to as the "soma."
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soma_(biology)
350	Illusions	Cerebellum
		n. The largest part of the hind brain in humans responsible for motor control, cognitive functions, attention and language.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cerebellum
456	Illusions	Change Blindness
		n. A perceptual phenomenon that occurs when a change in visual stimulus is introduced and the observer does not notice it.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Change_blindness
408	Illusions	Classic Palm
		v. To palm with the center of the hand.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAk4BG1o9FQ

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341	Illusions	Cognitive Bias
		n. The tendency to think in certain ways that can lead to a systematic deviation from a standard of rationality or "good judgment."
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cognitive_biases
351	Illusions	Cognitive Dissonance
		n. The mental stress or discomfort experienced by a person who simultaneously holds two or more contradictory beliefs, values or ideas. In illusions, this state is often promoted to misdirect the attention of a viewer.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cognitive_dissonance
319	Illusions	Cognitive Illusion
		n. Involves the higher level cognitive functions such as attention or causal inference. They are not sensory in nature.
409	Illusions	Color Change
		n. A change in the color of an object. For example, changing one card into another right in front of the spectator's eyes. As opposed to switching two cards secretly.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ugvjptp0IKM
353	Illusions	Color Constancy
		n. A feature of human color perception whereby color is perceived to be relatively constant under varying illumination conditions.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Color_constancy
559	Illusions	Cone Cell
		n. One of three kinds of photo receptor cells in the retina of the eye.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cone_cell
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354	Illusions	n. A disturbance of memory, or the production of fabricated, distorted or misinterpreted memories. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confabulation
410	Illusions	n. An audience member planted to act in a cooperative manner.
356	Illusions	n. The part and processes of the mind of which one is aware. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consciousness
357	Illusions	n. The ability of the visual cortex to perceive small increments in shades of grey on a uniform background. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2921999/
358	Illusions	Convergence n. The simultaneous inward movement of both eyes toward each other. Usually in an effort to maintain single binocular vision when viewing an object. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vergence - Convergence
411	Illusions	n. A card deck brought into play, normally at the end of a "sleight of hand" routine. The term implies that the magician is swapping out a "hot deck" (where the order of cards has been lost due to the act) with a prearranged "cooler" deck for the finale.

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399	Illusions	Covert Misdirection
		n. Also referred to as "Misdirection." A process where the magician draws the spectator's attentional spotlight (the spectator's focus of suspicion) away from the method without redirecting the spectator's gaze. Misdirection uses the phenomena of "change blindness" and "inattention blindness" and, thereby, manipulating perception, memory or reasoning.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Misdirection (magic)
412	Illusions	Deal
		v. To take cards off the top of the deck. Dealing "seconds," "middles," or "bottoms" refers to a sleight in which the second, middle or bottom card is secretly dealt in lieu of the top card.
433	Illusions	Deal Bottoms
433		v. To take cards off the bottom of the deck. Dealing "seconds," "middles," or "bottoms" refers to a sleight in which the second, middle or bottom card is secretly dealt in lieu of the top card.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWJVt9qXwhU
432	Illusions	Deal Middles
		v. To take the middle cards from the deck. Dealing "seconds," "middles," or "bottoms" refers to a sleight in which the second, middle or bottom card is secretly dealt in lieu of the top card.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R78vDpCm-sk
431	Illusions	Deal Seconds
		v. Taking the second card off the top of the deck. Dealing "seconds," "middles," of "bottoms" refers to a sleight in which the second, middle or bottom card is secretly dealt in lieu of the top card.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5HsM-EvAfY
345	Illusions	Dendrite
		n. The branched projections of a neuron that act to propagate an electrochemical stimulation received from other neural cells to the cell body.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dendrite

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Illusions	Dirty
	adj. A hand which contains an object the audience should not know about, or the condition at some point where the magician has "vanished" objects or gimmicked items hidden in his or her hands.
Illusions	Distraction
	n. The process of diverting the attention of an individual or group of individuals from an area of focus and thereby obfuscating an action.
	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distraction
Illusions	Ditch
	v. To secretly get rid of an object or gimmick.
Illusions	Dove Pan
	n. A classic effect in which a performer produces a dove from a seemingly empty pan.
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3FeWR9zE1A
Illusions	Dovetail Shuffle
	n. Also called a "Riffle shuffle." The most common shuffle technique in which half the deck is held in each hand with the thumbs inward, then cards are released by the thumbs so that they fall to the table intertwined.
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEd6h0GeOzk
Illusions	Downs Palm
	n. To palm between the base of the index finger and the base of the thumb.
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DjgleZvzPlQ
Illusions	n. To palm between the base of the index finger and the base of the

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373	Illusions	Endogenous
		adj. Substances and/or processes that originate within the organism.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Endogeny (biology)
419	Illusions	Equivoque
		n. A method of forcing a specific object on a spectator through a seemingly randomized selection process.
348	Illusions	False Shuffle
		n. A method of shuffling cards used by magicians, sleight-of-hand artists and card cheats in which a deck of cards falsely appears to be "fairly shuffled."
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shuffling - False_shuffles
420	Illusions	False Transfer
		n. A technique in which an object appears to be taken into one hand while actually being retained in the other.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSzcpHrLYmc
361	Illusions	Feature Integration Theory
		n. A theory of attention that suggests while perceiving a stimulus, features are registered early, automatically and in parallel. However, the object itself is identified separately in a later stage of processing.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feature_integration_theory
421	Illusions	Finger Clip
		n. A technique used to clip coins or small objects secretly. Usually used for production.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LW_ISH2iDik

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422	Illusions	Finger Palm
		v. To palm in the fingers.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxMLoqzKZ8s
362	Illusions	Flicker Fusion Threshold
		n. The frequency at which an intermittent light stimulus appears to be completely steady to the average human observer.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flicker_fusion_threshold
424	Illusions	Force
		n. Where a card or other object is made to be selected by the spectator, despite the appearance of "free choice."
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395	Illusions	n. Also referred to as just the "fovea centralis." A small, central pit in the retina composed of closely packed cones in the eye. It is responsible for sharp, central vision.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fovea centralis
328	Illusions	Fovea Centralis
		n. Often referred to as just the "fovea." A small, central pit in the retina composed of closely packed cones in the eye. It is responsible for sharp, central vision.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fovea_centralis
423	Illusions	French Drop
		n. A false transfer with a coin or small object.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJySZDJnI8w

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363	Illusions	Frontal Lobe
		n. One of four major lobes of the cerebral cortex in the human brain.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frontal_lobe
425	Illusions	Gaff
		n. A gimmick designed to look like something real while accomplishing some secret task.
352	Illusions	Gambler's Fallacy
		n. Also known as the "Monte Carlo fallacy." The mistaken notion that if something happens more frequently than normal in one period, it will happen less frequently in the subsequent periods.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gambler%27s_fallacy
553	Illusions	Habituation
		n. A form of neurological learning where an organism increases or decreases its response to a stimulus.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Habituation
344	Illusions	Habituation
		n. A decrease in response to a repeated stimulus by a neuron or neurological system.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Habituation
364	Illusions	Hippocampus
		n. There are two "Hippocampi," one on each side of the human brain. The Hippocampi play an important role in consolidation of information from short-term memory to long-term memory, and in spatial memory, it enables navigation.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hippocampus

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453	Illusions	Homunculus
		n. The concept in perception where there exists a map in the brain that correlates specifically with the various senses in the body. For example, we learn much more from the senses in our fingers and hands. Therefore, the mapped area in the brain has many more neurons "mapped" to these areas.
365	Illusions	Hypnosis
		n. A state of human consciousness involving focused attention and reduced peripheral awareness.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypnosis
359	Illusions	Illusion
		n. A distortion of the senses revealing how the brain normally organizes and interprets sensory stimulation.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illusion
334	Illusions	Illusory Correlation
		n. The phenomenon of perceiving a relationship between two variables when no such relationship exists.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illusory_correlation
454	Illusions	Inattention Blindness
		n. Also known as "perceptual blindness." The psychological lack of attention not associated with any vision defects of deficits.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inattentional_blindness
397	Illusions	Inattentional Blindness
		n. Also referred to as "Perceptual Blindness." A psychological lack of attention not associated with any visual defect or deficit. It can further be defined as an event where an individual fails to recognize an unexpected stimulus.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inattentional_blindness

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552	Illusions	Inhibitor
		n. An enzyme or other molecule that acts to inhibit the transmission of a signal from one neuron to the next.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inhibitor
366	Illusions	Joint Attention
		n. A shared focus of two or more individuals on a single object. It is achieved when one individual alerts another individual to an object by means of eyegazing, pointing, or other verbal or non-verbal indications.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joint_attention
367	Illusions	Lateral Intraparietal Cortex (LIP)
		n. An area of the brain most likely involved in eye movement or "saccades."
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lateral_intraparietal_cortex
368	Illusions	Macula (of retina)
		n. An oval shaped central area near the center of the retina. This area is specialized in "high acuity vision."
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macula of retina
369	Illusions	Mechanoreceptor
		n. A sensory receptor that responds to mechanical pressure or distortion. There are four main types of mechanoreceptors in human skin: lamellar corpuscles, tactile corpuscles, Merkel nerve endings and bulbous corpuscles.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mechanoreceptor
398	Illusions	Method
		n. A tradecraft term used by magicians. The term refers to the procedural steps used to perform an illusion. The magician often tries to obfuscate the "method" for an illusion.

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324	Illusions	Microsaccades
		n. Small, involuntary saccades that are produced when subjects attempt to fixate their gaze on a visual target.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsaccade
370	Illusions	Mirror Neuron
		n. A neuron that fires both when an animal acts, and when the animal observes another perform the same action. In humans, brain activity consistent with mirror neurons has been observed in the premotor cortex, supplemental motor area, primary somatosensory cortex and the inferior parietal cortex.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mirror_neuron
333	Illusions	Misdirection
		n. Also referred to as "covert misdirection." A process where the magician draws the spectator's attentional spotlight (the spectator's focus of suspicion) away from the method without redirecting the spectator's gaze. Misdirection uses the phenomena of "change blindness" and "inattention blindness" and, thereby, manipulates perception, memory or reasoning.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Misdirection (magic)
396	Illusions	Monte Carlo Fallacy
		n. Also known as the "Gambler's Fallacy." The mistaken notion that if something happens more frequently than normal in one period, it will happen less frequently in the subsequent periods.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gambler%27s_fallacy
340	Illusions	Multitasking
		n. An attempt to perform more than one mental function at time.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_multitasking
551	Illusions	Myelin Sheath
		n. Myelin is the fatty, white substance that surrounds the axon of some nerve cells forming an electrically insulating layer.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myelin

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332	Illusions	Neural Adaptation
		n. The decrease in responsiveness of a neural system to a constant stimulus. Such illusions as Jerry Andrus' "Trizonal Space Warp" or the illusion of rocks rising in the opposite direction that are adjacent to a waterfall are examples of this phenomenon.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neural_adaptation
385	Illusions	Neuroplasticity
		n. Also referred to as "plasticity." An umbrella term that refers to the lasting change in the brain throughout the life time of the individual.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neuroplasticity
372	Illusions	Neurotransmitter
		n. Endogenous chemicals which enable transmission of neurological signals across a chemical synapse.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neurotransmitter
374	Illusions	One-ahead Principle
		n. A practice utilized by mentalists where a sequence of words is supposedly divined; however, the sequence is written by a "plant" in the audience who claims loudly his or her words were divined.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billet_reading
375	Illusions	Optic Nerve
		n. A paired nerve that transmits visual information from the retina to the brain.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optic_nerve
318	Illusions	Optical Illusion
		n. Illusions that manipulate the physical properties of light such as reflection, refraction, etc.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optical_illusion

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426	Illusions	Overhand Shuffle
		n. A shuffle where the cards are dropped from one hand into the other hand in small random groups.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkE8fNFBUw8
376	Illusions	Oxytocin
		n. A human peptide hormone and neuropeptide that plays a rather broad role in social bonding. Magicians practice techniques which promote social bonding to misdirect the attention of spectators and make them less suspicious.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxytocin
323	Illusions	Palming Technique
		n. The technique used by magicians to hide items in the palm of their hands (which are turned away from the viewer), so as to make it look like the hands are empty.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palming
377	Illusions	Patter
		n. A prepared and practiced speech designed to produce a desired response from its audience.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patter
317	Illusions	Perceptual Blindness
		n. Also referred to as "Inattentional Blindness." A psychological lack of attention not associated with any visual defect or deficit. It can further be defined as an event where an individual fails to recognize an unexpected stimulus.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inattentional_blindness
455	Illusions	Perceptual Blindness
		n. Also known as "inattention blindness." The psychological lack of attention not associated with any vision defects of deficits.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inattentional blindness

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379	Illusions	Peripheral Vision
		n. The part of vision which occurs outside the center of gaze. In the human eye, peripheral vision is less acute. Magicians often attempt to obscure method in the peripheral vision as it is less likely to be noticed by the audience.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peripheral vision
380	Illusions	Phi Phenomenon
		n. An optical illusion of perceiving a series of still images, when viewed in rapid succession, as continuous motion.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phi_phenomenon
384	Illusions	Photo Transduction (visual)
		n. The sensory transduction of the visual system in which light is converted into electrical signals in the rod, cone and photosensitive ganglion cells of the retina in the eye.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visual_phototransduction
381	Illusions	Photometry
		n. The science of the measurement of light in terms of perceived brightness to the human eye. This is distinct from "radiometry" which is the science of measurement of radiant energy.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photometry_(optics)
382	Illusions	Photon
		n. An elementary particle, or the smallest unit of light energy.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photon
383	Illusions	Photoreceptor Cell
		n. A specialized type of neuron found in the retina of the eye that is capable of "photo transduction."
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photoreceptor_cell

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347	Illusions	Plasticity
		n. Also referred to as "neuroplasticity." A term that describes the lasting change to the brain throughout the course of an individual's life.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neuroplasticity
386	Illusions	Posterior Parietal Cortex
		n. The portion of the parietal neocortex which plays an important role in planned movements, spatial reasoning and attention.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Posterior_parietal_cortex
387	Illusions	Precognition
		n. An alleged psychic ability to see events in the future.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Precognition
360	Illusions	Prefrontal Cortex
		n. That part of the cerebral cortex of the human brain located in the frontal lobe. This brain region has been implicated in planning complex cognitive behavior, personality expression, decision making and moderating social behavior.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prefrontal_cortex
401	Illusions	Psychokinesis
		n. Also referred to as "Telekinesis." an alleged psychic ability allowing a person to influence a physical system without physical interaction.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychokinesis
427	Illusions	Pull
		n. A device made of elastic which pulls objects up a sleeve or under a jacket.

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388	Illusions	Pupil n. A hole located in the center of the iris of the eye that allows light to strike
		the retina.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pupil
555	Illusions	Refractory Period
		n. The recovery time of an excitatory membrane to be ready for a second stimulus.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Refractory_period_(physiology)
331	Illusions	Retention-of-vision Vanish
		n. Persistence of vision is an effect in which an image seems to persist for longer than its presentation time. The "Great Tomsoni's Colored Dress" trick is an example. This illusion is the basis for perceptual stability during the viewing of motion pictures. The perceptual stability is also referred to as neuron after-discharge.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Retention of vision vanish
329	Illusions	Retina
		n. The inner coat of the eye responsible for sensing light.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Retina
417	Illusions	Riffle Shuffle
		n. Also called a "Dovetail Shuffle." The most common shuffle technique in which half the deck is held in each hand with the thumbs inward, then cards are released by the thumbs so that they fall to the table intertwined.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEd6h0GeOzk
558	Illusions	Rod Cell
		n. A photo receptor cell in the retina of the eye.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rod_cell

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325	Illusions	Saccade
		n. A fast, jerky eye movement that transports the fovea from one visual target to another in a straight-line trajectory.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saccade
389	Illusions	Semantic Memory
		n. One of two types of declarative or explicit memory. The general world knowledge an individual acquires during his or her lifetime.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semantic_memory
327	Illusions	Smooth Pursuit
		n. A type of eye movement in which the retinal fovea smoothly tracks the position of a moving object.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smooth_pursuit
326	Illusions	Smooth Pursuit Movement
		n. A type of eye movement in which the retinal fovea smoothly tracks the position of a moving object.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smooth_pursuit
549	Illusions	Soma
		n. The bulbous, non-process portion of a neuron cell which contains the nucleus. Also referred to as the "cell body."
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soma_(biology)
330	Illusions	Spoon Bending Illusion
		n. An illusion where the neck of a spoon appears to bend as it bounces up and down in the magician's hand. The neural basis of the illusion lies in the fact that the end-stopped neurons (i.e. the neurons specialized to respond to both motion and the terminations of a stimulus' edges such as corners or the ends of lines) in the primary visual cortex and the middle temporal visual areas of the brain.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spoon_bending

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339	Illusions	Spotlight of Attention
		n. A concept in magic where the spectator's attention is shifted to a location away from where the illusion's method is accomplished.
349	Illusions	Stacked Deck
		n. Also referred to as a "trick deck." a deck of playing cards that has been altered in some way to result in a pre-determined or "unfair" dealing of the cards.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?search=Stacked+Card+Deck&title=Speci
554	Illusions	Summation
		n. The process that determines whether or not an action potential will be triggered by the combined effects of excitatory and inhibitory signals.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summation_(neurophysiology)
548	Illusions	Synapse
		n. A structure on a neuron that permits a neuron to pass on an electro- chemical signal from one neuron to another.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synapse
394	Illusions	Synaptic Button
		n. Also referred to as a "Axon Terminal." The distal terminations of the branches of an axon.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Axon_terminal
390	Illusions	Synesthesia
		n. A neurological phenomenon in which stimulation of one sensory or cognitive pathway leads to automatic, involuntary experiences in a second sensory or cognitive pathway. One common form of synesthesia known as "grapheme-color synesthesia," letters or numbers are perceived as inherently colored.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synesthesia

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391	Illusions	Telekinesis
		n. Also referred to as "psychokinesis." an alleged psychic ability allowing a person to influence a physical system without physical interaction.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychokinesis
392	Illusions	Thalamus
		 n. Part of the brain with several functions such as relaying of sensory and motor signals to the cerebral cortex, and regulation of consciousness, sleep and alertness.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thalamus
429	Illusions	Thumb Tip
		n. A magician's prop consisting of a hollow plastic thumb that fits on the end of the magician's thumb. It is used to make objects appear and disappear.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qx7A8rorLOY
546	Illusions	Top-down Processing
		n. A type of perception where processing is performed where the information is brought to the brain via senses. However, the brain then associates the information with other experiences which cause thoughts to flow down to senses.
		http://study.com/academy/lesson/top-down-processing-examples-definition-
428	Illusions	Torn and Restored (TnR)
		n. A trick in which the magician rips something up into many pieces and the "restores" it.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HfVwzBuckQ
400	Illusions	Trick Deck
		n. Also referred to as a "Stacked Deck." a deck of playing cards that has been altered in some way to result in a pre-determined or "unfair" dealing of the cards.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?search=Stacked+Card+Deck&title=Speci

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355	Illusions	Unconscious Mind
		n. The processes in the mind that occur automatically and are not subject to introspection.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unconscious mind
316	Illusions	Visual Illusions
		n. A phenomenon in which a subjective perception of a stimulus does not match the physical reality of the stimulus. Visual illusions occur because neural circuits in the brain amplify, compress, diverge and converge visual information in a fashion that ultimately leaves the observer with a subjective perception that is different from reality.
		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optical_illusion
430	Illusions	Zarrow Shuffle
		n. A blind shuffle that appears to be an honest riffle shuffle to spectators and leaves the deck entirely in its original order.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9JJpcke4EM

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