

How To Be A Psychic

It's easy if you know a few techniques like these:

- ✓ **“Shotgun” the audience:** Offer a lot of general statements. Find someone who will respond to a name or general descriptions such as “someone who has gone through relationship problems” or “an older man with heart problems.”
- ✓ **Use variations of names:** Don't say “Bill”. Say “Bill, or Will, or Billy, or Bobby...” If there are no hits, be even more general: “definitely a male name starting with B...”
- ✓ **Observer the subject:** As you talk to them, their body language will tell you whether they're anxious or upset.... Signs that you've said something that hits close to home.
- ✓ **Ask questions that seem like statements:** Who was Billy? Was he your grandfather?” If you're right it seems like a hit, but if you're wrong you can keep going. “Maybe an uncle or a family friend?”
- ✓ **Use what they tell you:** Your subject will probably give you more information than they realize. If they say “Billy was my uncle,” you know he died. You say “and Billy is no longer with us, right?” Another hit.
- ✓ **Use pregnant pauses:** A slight pause will likely prompt your subject to offer a bit more information that you can build on.
- ✓ **Pretend their answers are yours:** Your subject might say “I want help making a big decision.” You can say “That's right, you do, and it's something that has been bothering you.”
- ✓ **Use “Barnum statements”:** These statements seem very personal to the individual receiving a reading but really apply to most people. Examples: “you lost someone important to you and felt you never had the chance to say goodbye” or “you have had conflict within your family.”
- ✓ **Make predictions that can't be tested:** Tell the audience member that they have a health problem or where to look for something they have lost. It makes the audience think you're on to something but by the time there is any proof the show is long over.
- ✓ **Tell them something they want to hear:** Tell them a lost loved one wants them to be happy and is watching over them. Everyone wants that to be true.
- ✓ **Ignore your mistakes!** Only skeptical audience members will notice how many times you get it wrong. Most people will only remember your hits – it's human nature.

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