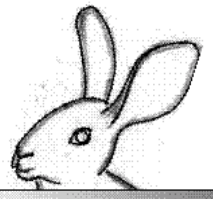


MATH MAGIC



Set up: On a piece of paper write down the four figure number that is twice the current year's date ($2004 \times 2 = 4008$). Fold this paper and put it into an envelope.

1. Ask someone to write down the year he/she was born.
2. Below this have the person write:
 - a. The year of an important event in his/her life.
 - b. The number of years that have passed since the important event.
 - c. The age she or he is or will be on his/her birthday **this** year and ...
3. Total these four numbers.
4. **NOW!** take your paper out of the envelope. Your friend's total will be the same as the number you have already written and sealed in the envelope!

CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHY THIS
TRICK WORKS??