

**WHAT'S FOR
DINNER?**



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What You Get:

To do this trick, you need six cards. Five of them have food and one has a snail.

- 1 Tater tots
- 2 Pizza
- 3 Salad
- 4 Mac N Cheese
- 5 Spaghetti and Meatballs
- 6 Snail



The Effect:

You show your spectator several cards with food printed on them. After eliminating them one at a time, the card you end up with is what you get to eat. After shuffling the cards, you hand them to your spectator to do the same thing you did. The card they end up with is a never before seen yucky snail... or yummy escargot. That depends on how you feel about eating snails.

The Setup:

Stack the cards starting with the face down snail, followed by the rest of the cards on top facing up. You're ready to go now. Not so hard so far, right?

Step One:



Show the food cards one at a time while keeping the face down snail card hidden. It's easier to do than it sounds. All you do is take the top card of the stack, a face up food card, and turn it upside down while placing it on the bottom of the pile. Having the food card, now face down, on the bottom of the stack helps hide the snail card. Continue showing each food card one by one, turning it face down, and putting it on the bottom of

the stack. Once you turn all five food cards over, your spectator will think you showed all the cards. You really have one hidden. The snail was never shown. Pretty sneaky huh.

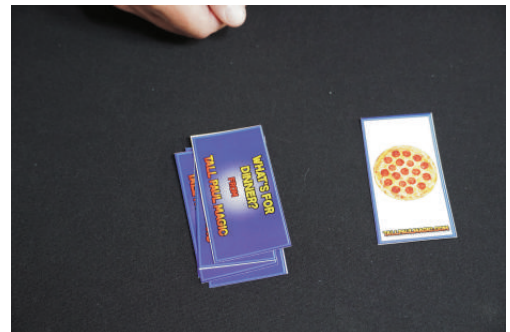


Step Two:

It's time to eliminate the cards one by one, just like the marching ants. To do this, keep all the cards face down. Take the top card off the stack and put it on the bottom of the stack. Now take the new top card and place it face down on the table. Do this again and again, top card on the bottom of the stack and new top card on to the table until you have only one card in your hand. Make sure the cards on the table



are in a pile and not side by side or scattered about. With the last card in your hand, turn it over and show your audience what you're eating for dinner. Why am I getting so hungry writing this?



Step Three:

This is the hardest part of the trick and it's pretty easy. At this point, the snail will be face down on top of the stack of cards on the table. You need to move it to third from top. I do this by giving them a shuffle. Before you do though, Make sure you leave the food you got face up on the table. If anybody says anything about putting it back in the pile, just tell them you can't because you ate it all.

To get the top card third from top, hold the stack of face down cards in your hand. Peel the top card off in to your other hand. Take the next card and put it on top, then the next on bottom. The next card goes on top and the last on bottom. You can make this look like you're mixing the cards so the new selection is random.



Step Four:

Now is the time to play your joke and have your spectator eat a snail. EEEEEWWWWWW! If you trust them to follow instructions, you can have them do the next bit, if not, then you do it. Basically, you're going to do the same elimination process as you did in step two. The top card goes to the bottom of the pile and the next on the table. Keep doing that until you have just one card in your hand. Remember to keep all the cards face down so nobody sees what they are. This time, instead of turning the last card over, set it aside on the table and show everyone what was not chosen. After all the food cards are shown, reveal the surprise ending and take a bow to your thunderous applause.



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