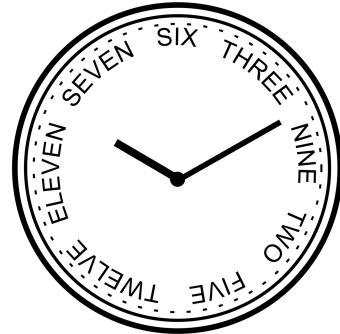


Clock

A self-working effect based on the concept of time!

Effect: Take your audience on a time traveling journey, predicting exactly where everyone will end up! You can even leave them with a souvenir of their voyage!

Workings: Due to the number of letters, and the placement of each word, this is self working. No matter where they start, as long as they follow the correct direction (clockwise or counterclockwise) when spelling, they will end up on the number two. The clock should be printed on your business card with your contact information on the back, making this fun interactive moment a memorable keepsake!



Presentation: *Perhaps the most underrated resource that we all wish we had more of is time. More time smiling with friends. More time sharing hugs with family. More time admiring nature's grace. Yet, we spend just as much time wishing for time as we do wasting it. We waste time wishing we did things differently, procrastinating, and worrying about the future. But time is perpetual, and not something we can control.*

Let me give you an example (Hand your participant your card.): On this card is a random assortment of numbers spelled out on a clock face. Would you please choose one? (Once they have,) Great! We're going to take a little trip into the future, time travel so to speak. For every letter of your number, would you please count one space clockwise? (Mime counting clockwise as you say this.) Please let me know when you're done. (Wait for their response.) Thank you. If you've landed on a new number, that's ok. We're going to do it again, but this time we're going to move backwards. For every letter of your new number would you please count one space counterclockwise? (Mime counting counterclockwise.) Again, please let me know when you're finished. (When they are,) Thank you. If you landed on a new number, that's fine. Lastly, to conclude our journey, for every letter of your new number, would you please count one space clockwise (Again, miming clockwise.)? Let me know when you're done. (When they respond,) Great!

We're told that time enjoyed is etched into our memories, never to disappear. And if you've enjoyed this moment as much as I have, you should remember the number two for a very long time.

Time is a concept that spans eternity; an entity without form or space, beginning or end. It's as fluid as the ocean, and extends beyond the corners of the universe. Yet we foolishly try to count something that continues into forever, neglecting what time has granted us: the ability to live.

Hopefully there will be a point when we, as a whole, realize just how much time we let slip through our fingers and appreciate everything we have in the present. But, as they say, only time will tell. Thank you!

Notes:

You can print the clock on a postcard or poster board for more participation from a larger audience!

The clock can be emailed, texted, or even presented online via a virtual meeting!



Credit and history:

- The Spelling Force can be traced back to Louis Nikola's The Nikola Card System, published in 1927.
- Artwork for Clock created by Ever Elizalde.

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