**ARE YOU A MIND READER?**

Do you know who Harry Houdini was? He was a famous magician early in the 19th century. One of his famous tricks was “Mind Reading”. His wife, Bess, would go into the audience and ask random audience members for a personal item. She would then hold up the item in front of a blindfolded Houdini and as the “Spirits” to tell him what the item was. Little did the audience know, the words she used to ask the “Spirits” was a coded alphabet. She used the special words to spell out the item. Harry guessed the item every single time to his amazed audiences.

In this game, you will learn how to do a Mindreading trick with a friend using a few simple instructions and a deck of UNO cards! Instead of words, like Bess Houdini used, you will use facial expressions and gestures to give away the answers to your partner.

Here’s the code for the colors:

Red = Angry

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Give your partner a color code chart. Place the deck in the middle of the table. Draw a card and hide it from your partner. Make the facial expression that goes with the color. It will be difficult at first for your partner to guess, but with practice it will get easier. If they are really good at guessing, try making it harder by only using your body to communicate (with no facial expressions).

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