

STRANGE MYSTERIES

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The Boy Who Could Bend Spoons

Uri Geller was different from other little boys.

At the age of three, he surprised his mother by bending her spoons and soup ladles just by staring at them.

His grandmother's watch stopped, and Uri restarted it simply by rubbing the glass with his finger.

By the early 1970s, Uri Geller was famous around the world for his amazing performances. He would bend spoons, read minds, restart broken watches and clocks, and draw pictures that exactly matched those drawn by somebody in another room.

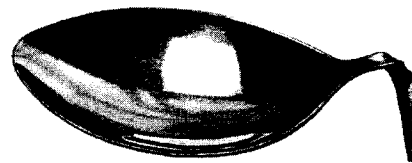
Whenever he appeared on stage, on the radio, and on television, people would notice strange things happening in the audience and around the house.

Their cutlery would bend all by itself, their broken clocks would start chiming, and their car keys and house keys would bend so badly that they would be unable to get into their cars or open their front doors.

Eventually, scientists suggested that Uri undergo a series of tests, so he was invited to Stanford Research Institute in the USA and given several feats to perform.

One test had Uri concentrating very hard on a magnetometer, which measures the strength of a magnetic field.

The scientists said "although it was scientifically impossible," the needle moved each time Uri was asked to concentrate on it.



1. When did Uri first surprise his mother? _____

2. What did Uri do that surprised his mother? _____

Answer *True* or *False* to these facts.

3. By the early 1970s, Uri's fame had become worldwide. _____

4. Uri could restart watches by rubbing the glass. _____

5. Uri could bend car keys. _____

6. Uri first used his powers to entertain people. _____

7. The scientists tested Uri's special powers by using a _____. (Circle one answer.)

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