

Human Reaction Time Demonstration

Preparation

Cut 1" x 3" and 1" x 6" strips of paper.

Procedure

- 1) Ask participants if they think they are really fast.
- 2) Hold a strip of paper between the thumb and index finger of one hand.
- 3) Hold the thumb and index finger of your other hand on either side of and about an inch away from the paper and about halfway down the length of paper.
- 4) Release the paper with one hand and catch it with the other.
- 5) Tell participants "See how easy it is!"
- 6) Have participants pair up, with one person releasing the paper and the other trying to catch it. (They won't be able to very often.)
- 7) Ask the group how many times out of 10 they were successful.
- 8) Remind participants that this is one human against another and ask them how they think they would do against a machine.

3" Reaction Strip

6" Reaction Strip

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