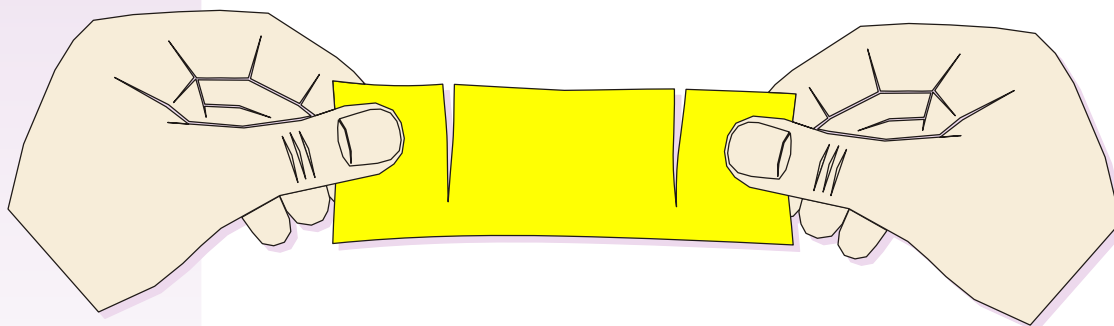


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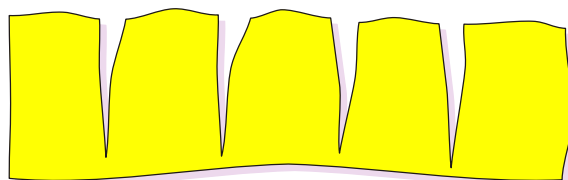
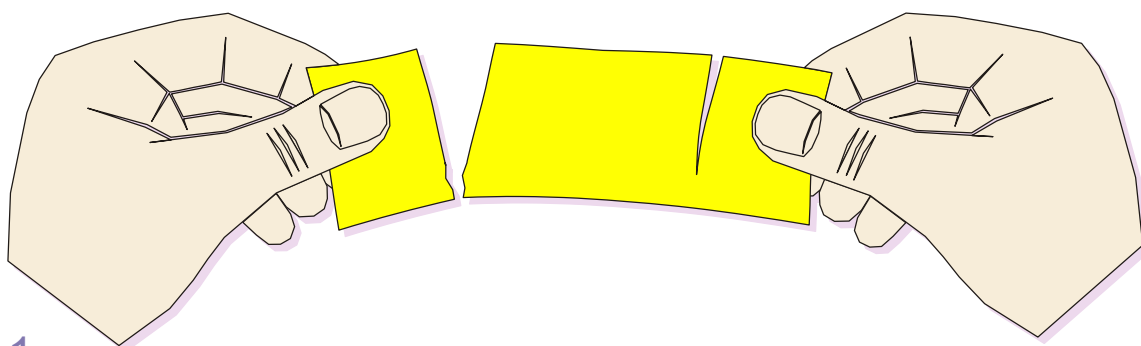
Take the paper strip and tear it in two places almost to the rim.

Now holding it with your hands as shown in the figure try to pull it to get three separate pieces of paper.

Do you think you will be able to do this?

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Try to Tear (explanation)

Can't get three separate pieces in one try? Can reach only two? (see Figure 1).

Never mind. In fact nobody can do this. You can make the tears more than in two places of the strip as shown in Figure 2, and you still will not be able to tear it into more than two separate pieces in one try. And very often it's hard to say along which tear the strip will be torn.

Suggest this toy to your friends and see their reactions. Let them pull as strong as they can. You can even offer the prize, if someone of your friends tear the strip into three pieces in one try. Are you still doubted that your prize will stay always with you?