Observing covert behavior ("mind-reading") with Chevreul's pendulum.
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AB Studied 32 15-56 yr old Ss to test the hypothesis that Chevreul's Movement (CM) can be used to detect covert behavior ("read minds"). CM is defined as movement of a hand-held pendulum in a direction consistent with an S's thinking when the S reports that he/she did not voluntarily attempt to move it. The "mind-reading" test consisted of having the S hold the pendulum while thinking of 1 of 3 printed trigrams oriented in different locations beneath the pendulum. Results indicate that the pendulum moved in the direction of the trigram the S selected on 46% and 68% of 15 test trials in 2 different groups. In addition, CM improved under standard training condition and transferred to the mind-reading test. It is concluded that CM represents implicit interbehavior as discussed by J. R. Kantor (1933).