Advanced Rules

TRADING CARD GAME

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Learning the Advanced Game

By now you should have played a few games using the basic rules from the playmat. All the rules you need to play with the cards in the Harry Potter[™] trading card game (TCG) Starter Set are there on the playmat. This rulebook covers the rules you'll need for cards you'll find in the Harry Potter TCG boosters. There's also a copy of the playmat rules ('Basic Rules From the Playmat') after the Advanced Rules on pp. 10-14.

In these advanced rules, you'll learn about new kinds of cards like Adventure cards and Item cards. You'll also learn some new things about the cards you've already seen in the basic game. And best of all, you'll learn how to build your very own Harry Potter TCG deck!

Adventure Cards

Adventure cards are a new kind of card you can play to give your opponent a challenge to overcome. You don't need any Lessons on the table to play Adventure cards, but you do have to use 2 Actions to play them instead of 1. Each player can have only *one* Adventure on the table ('in play') at a time, so if you already have an Adventure in play, you can't play another one. An Adventure card has three parts:

Effect: This is what the Adventure does as long as it's in play.

To Solve: This is what your opponent needs to do to solve the Adventure. She can do this any time during her turn after she's drawn her first card, but she has to solve the Adventure all at once — not one piece at a time (unless the card specifically says otherwise).

Opponent's Reward: If your opponent solves the Adventure, she's the school hero! The Adventure card, will say what her reward is. Then you put the Adventure card in your discard pile.



Opponent's Reward

Item Cards

Item cards are a new kind of card that are a lot like Creatures: you need to have a certain amount of Power to play them, and then once you play them they stay on the table (unless some card tells you to discard them). Some Items (Wands and Cauldrons) give you extra Power — just like Lessons, but even better. Other Items have all sorts of different effects.



More About Character Cards

When you play the Harry Potter trading card game, you always start with a Character in play that represents you. In the advanced game, you can also have other Character cards in your deck! Just like Adventure cards, you play a Character card by using up 2 Actions, and it doesn't matter if you have any Lessons in play or not.

Once you've played a Character card, you can use its special ability. Whether it's the Character you started with or one you played during the game, you can use the ability any time during your turn after you've drawn your first card.

Your starting Character is special in another important way: it can never be discarded from play for any reason. For example, if a card tells you to discard three of your cards from play, you can't pick your starting Character as one of those three. As long as the game is still going, your starting Character is there — because it's you!

Uniqueness

All Character cards, and a few other special cards, say 'Unique' on them. This means there can be only *one* of them in play at a time. There's one exception — if you and your opponent both have the same starting Character, that's fine. Otherwise, once a Unique card is in play, nobody else can play another copy of that same card.

Damage

If you do less damage to a Creature than its Health, you'll need to mark the damage somehow. You can use counters or markers of any kind (some counters are provided in the theme decks). For example, if you have a Creature on the table with 6 Health and it takes 2 damage, put 2 counters on it. If later on it takes 4 or more damage, discard it.

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'In Play'

Cards are described as 'in play' when they're on the table. The cards in your hand, your deck and your discard pile are *not* in play. Cards that can be in play are printed sideways (Lessons, Creatures, Characters, Items and Adventures); cards that can't be put in play are printed vertically (Spells). Unless the card says otherwise, whatever is written on the 'sideways' cards happens only while that card is in play.

In general, there's no limit to how many cards you can have in play. The only exceptions are Adventures (only *one* Adventure can be in play on each side at a time) and cards that are Unique (see 'Uniqueness').

Keywords

Some cards have special words on them that other cards, or the rules, refer to (see p. 4 for an example). These keywords come right after the type of card. For example, the card Boil Cure has the keyword 'Healing' after 'Spell.' If some other card makes you discard all your Healing cards from your hand, and you have Boil Cure in your hand, you'd have to discard it.

For most keywords, everything you need to know is on the cards, but there are special rules for the Unique, Wizard, Witch and House keywords (Gryffindor[™], Slytherin[™], Ravenclaw[™] and Hufflepuff[™]). (See 'Building Your Own Deck' for more about the Wizard, Witch and House keywords.) Other keywords are there for fun or for other cards to refer to.

Power Needed

Spell, Item and Creature cards have a 'Power needed' number that tells you how much Power you need in play if you want to play the card. Each Lesson gives you 1 Power. So in the basic game, you can just



Power Needed

count the number of Lessons you have in play to see if you have enough Power to play a card.

In the advanced game, there are cards that give you

Power Symbol	Lesson Type	more than 1
100	Care of Magical Creatures	Power each. So
	Charms	if a card needs 8 Power to play it, and you
•	Potions	
M	Transfiguration	have in play a

Wand that provides 3 Power, a Cauldron that provides 2 Power, and 3 (or more) Lessons, you would be able to play the card. Just like in the basic game, only *one* Power has to match the symbol underneath the Power needed number on the card you wish to play.

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Building Your Own Deck

One of the most exciting parts of the Harry Potter trading card game is building your own personal deck! You can build your deck however you like, as long as you follow these simple rules:

1. Your deck must have exactly 60 cards. You must also have 1 card that's your starting Character (which has to be a Wizard or a Witch).

2. Your deck can have, at most, 4 copies of any card, except for Lesson cards (you can have any number of those).

It's tricky to build a good deck, but a good way to start is by picking two or three Lesson types. Put in some Spell and Creature cards that use those Lesson types, but be sure to put in plenty of Lessons — about half is a good starting point. Then play your deck a lot, and replace cards that don't help you or that you can rarely play. Keep playing and refining your deck, and soon you'll be able to out-duel your opponents!

Optional deckbuilding rule: If you want, you can build a 'House deck.' This means that all the cards you choose are

from a single House (Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw or Hufflepuff). Pick a House, and use cards that have keywords from that House or cards that have no House keywords at all. But don't use any cards from any of the other Houses.

Steps of Your Turn

You'll probably find the steps on the playmat are all you need, but a few more things can happen in the advanced game. Here are all the steps, just in case:

1. Before your turn

If a card tells you to do something before your turn begins, do. it now.

- 2. You draw a card
- 3. Your Creatures damage your opponent
- 4. You use 2 Actions
- 5. End of your turn

If a card tells you to do something at the end of your turn, do it now.

You can solve Adventures and use your Characters' special abilities any time during your turn, after you draw your first card (step 2).

Usually it doesn't matter in what order things happen within a step, but if for some reason it does, the player whose turn it is decides the order.

Basic Rules From the Playmat

For reference, here are the rules that appear on the **Harry Potter** TCG Starter Set playmat. If you want to play without using the playmat, you can just refer to this section if you forget anything!

START HERE!

You and your opponent are wizards duelling at Hogwarts[™] School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Many spells and magical creatures you play will 'damage' your opponent, which means your opponent has to discard cards from his or her deck.

You win the game when your opponent's deck runs out of cards.

BEFORE YOU PLAY

- · Pick which deck you want.
- · Put your Wizard or Witch card in the 'Wizard/Witch' spot.
- · Shuffle your deck and put it in the 'Deck' spot.
- Draw 7 cards for your starting hand.
- · Decide who goes first.

STEPS OF YOUR TURN

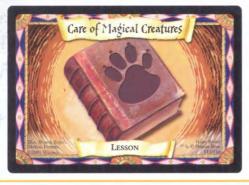
- Step 1.Draw a card from your deck and put it into your hand. Do this first *every* turn!
- Step 2. Damage your opponent with your Creatures that are already on the table. (Don't worry about this on your first turn — you won't have any Creatures on the table yet.)
- Step 3. You have 2 Actions. You can use an Action to:
 - Play a Lesson card; or
 - Play a Creature card (you'll need enough Lesson cards on the table — see 'Types of Cards' on p. 12); or
 - Play a Spell card (you'll need enough Lesson cards on the table see 'Types of Cards' on p. 12); or
 - Draw an extra card.

You can do the same **Action** twice instead of doing two different Actions.

TYPES OF CARDS

Lesson Cards

Lessons give you the power you need to play other cards. When you play a **Lesson** card, all you need to do is take it from your hand and put it on the table. **Lessons** stay on the table ('in play') after you play them.



Creature Cards

Creatures damage your opponent's deck — *not* other Creatures. They stay on the table ('in play') after you play them.

Creature Cards, cont.

Power needed:

You must have this many Lessons already on the table to play this card. Only one of your Lessons has to match the symbol.

For example, Surly Hound has a cost of To play it, you'd need 3 Lessons on the table and only 1 of them would have to be a



-Health:

If your opponent's **Spell** card does this much damage or more to your **Creature**, discard it.

Damage each turn:

Your opponent discards this many cards from his or her deck *every turn*. The damage happens on step ② of *your* turn (so your Creature doesn't do damage on the turn that you play it). To play a **Spell** card, show it to your opponent, do what it says and put it in your discard pile. **Spell** cards don't stay on the table like the other cards do.

Spell Cards

Power needed: You must have this many Lessons already on the table to use this card. Only one of your Lessons has to match the symbol.

What the card does:

This is what happens when you play the card. Some cards do damage to your opponent (which makes your opponent discard that many cards



from his or her deck) or to *one* Creature that's on the table.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: If my opponent makes me discard a card, which discard pile does it go into?
- A: Whenever one of your cards gets discarded, it goes to your discard pile, even if your opponent's card made you discard it.
- Q: I have 2 Actions every turn. Do I have to use both of them?
- A: No. You can use both, or just one, or none at all if you want. It's usually smart to use all your Actions, though. You can't save Actions for a later turn.
- Q: Do I 'use up' my Lessons when I play cards?
- A: No, they stay on the table and can be used again, even that same turn (unless some card specifically tells you to discard them). For example, if you have four Lessons on the table, and two cards in your hand that each need 4 Power to play them, you can use your 2 Actions to play them both.
- Q: I have a card that needs 6 Power to play it. It says 'To play this card, discard 1 of your Lessons from play.' Do I need a total of seven Lessons to play the card?
- A: No, you only need six. (First you check to make sure you, have the Power needed, and then you do whatever the card says on it.)

- Q: What happens if I run out of cards in my hand?
- A: Nothing special. You just keep playing. You may want to use some of your Actions to draw more cards, though!

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- Q: For my 2 Actions, I want to play a Creature card and draw an extra card. Can I do those two things in either order?A: Yes. You can use your Actions in any order you like.
- Q: I didn't get any Lessons in my opening hand. What do I do? Can I draw a new hand?
- A: No, you just keep playing with the hand you have. Remember, if you use both of your Actions to draw cards, you'll be drawing three cards every turn, so you should be able to find your Lessons quickly!
- Q: My opponent wants to know if a certain card is in my discard pile. Do I have to let her look?
- A: Yes. What's in your discard pile is no secret either you or your opponent can look at it at any time. Your opponent can also know the *number* of cards left in your deck or in your hand, although what those cards are is secret!
- Q: If I played a card that said 'Draw 2 cards,' would I have to use up Actions to do that?
- A: No. On your turn, you can use an Action to draw a card if you want. But if some other card tells you to draw cards (or tells you to do anything else), you wouldn't have to use any Actions — you'd just do whatever the card said. (Of course, if the card said to use Actions, then you'd do that!)

- Q: Some cards say I can do something 'up to 5' times. Can I do it zero times, or do I have to do it at least once?
- A: You'll probably never want to do something zero times, but if you really want to, you can do that.
- Q: I have a card in play with an ability that can only be used once per game (like Dean Thomas). It gets returned to my hand, and then I play it again. Can I use the ability again?
- A: Yes. When a card leaves play, it doesn't remember that it was ever in play before. So it's just like you're playing Dean Thomas for the first time. In the same way, if a Creature with damage counters gets returned to your hand, and you play it again, it's a new Creature with no damage counters on it.

Glossary

Action You have 2 Actions on each of your turns. You can use an Action to draw a card or to play a card. You don't have to use all your Actions.

Adventure card A card you can play to present a challenging situation for your opponent. It takes 2 Actions to play an Adventure card, but it doesn't need any Power. The card tells you what effect it has on your opponent, what he or she needs to do to solve it, and the reward your opponent gets if he or she does. Each player can have only *one* Adventure in play at a time.

card type There are currently six different card types in the game: *Adventure, Character, Creature, Item, Lesson* and *Spell.*

Character card A card that represents a specific Harry Potter character. You play Character cards from your hand (they take 2 Actions to play but don't need any Power). You'll also have one as your *starting Character*, which needs to be a *Wizard* or a *Witch*.

Creature card A card that, when in play, *damages* your opponent's deck turn after turn.

damage You can do damage to your opponent, which forces him or her to *discard* cards from the top of his or her deck. You can also damage a Creature in play. If the total damage a Creature takes during the game is greater than or equal to its *Health*, it's discarded. (Use counters to keep track of damage that's less than the Creature's Health.) discard To remove a card from play, from someone's deck, or from someone's hand. No matter where the cards came from, they go to the *discard pile* of the person they belong to.

discard pile This is where all *discarded* cards go. Your discard pile is always face up, and either player can look at it whenever he or she likes.

draw To take the top card of your deck and put it into your hand.

flavour text This text appears in italics on the bottom of some cards. It's usually a quote from *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. Flavour text has no effect on the play of the game — it's just there for fun.

hand The cards you are holding but haven't played yet. You are still considered to have a hand even if there are no cards in it.

Health The amount of *damage* a Creature can take before it gets *discarded*.

House deck A deck made with cards all having the same House keyword. It can include cards with no House keyword at all.

in play Cards that have been played and are still on the table. Your deck and your discard pile are not in play.

Item card A card that, when in play, may give you extra Power or have some other ongoing effect.

keyword These words are found on some cards after the *card type*. Keywords are sometimes referred to by other cards or by the rules. Some keywords have special rules — like the *Unique*, *Wizard*, *Witch* and House keywords (Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff).

Lesson card A card that gives you the Power you need to play other types of cards. Each Lesson provides 1 Power. The current kinds of Lessons are Care of Magical Creatures (\clubsuit), Charms (\heartsuit), Potions (\boxdot) and Transfiguration (\checkmark).

Power needed The number found on the upper-left corner of *Creature, Spell* and *Item* cards that tells you how much Power you need to play them. That Power comes from the cards you already have in play — usually *Lessons*, but sometimes *Items* or other cards.

special ability The text on a *Character card* that says what the card can do if it's in play.

Spell card A card that you play from your hand, do what it says, and then put in your discard pile. Spell cards don't stay *in play*.

starting Character The *Character* you have in play at the start of the game. It can never be discarded from play. Your starting Character must be a *Wizard* or a *Witch*.

Unique A keyword found on some cards, usually *Character cards*. You can't play a Unique card if there's already a copy of that card in play. It's fine if both players have the same *starting Character*, though.

Witch A keyword found on some *Character cards*. Only a *Wizard* or a Witch can be a *starting Character*.

Wizard A keyword found on some *Character cards*. Only a Wizard or a *Witch* can be a *starting Character*.

Card Lists

Complete Harry Potter TCG Base Set Card List

Dean Thomas [●]*
Draco Malfoy[™] [●]*
Draco Malfoy [●]
Dragon's Escape [●]
Elixir of Life [●]
Gringotts[™] Cart Ride [●]
Hannah Abbott [●]*
Harry Potter[™] [●]*
Hermione Granger [™] [●]*
Hermione Granger [●]
Human Chess Game [●]

12 Invisibility Cloak 13 Nearly Headless Nick 14 Obliviate 15 Professor Filius Flitwick 16 Professor Severus Snape™ 17 Ron Weasley™ 18 Rubeus Hagrid™ 19 Troll in the Bathroom 20 Unicorn 21 Delivery Owl ★ 22 Draught of Living Death ★

23 Harry Hunting * 24 History of Magic * 25 Incendio * 26 Malevolent Mixture * 27 Meet the Centaurs * 28 Mountain Troll * 29 Mrs Norris * 30 Norbert * 31 Phoenix Feather Wand * 32 Platform 9 3/4 * 33 Potion Ingredients * 34 Raven to Writing Desk * 35 Shrinking Potion * 36 Titillando ★ 37 Transfiguration Exam * 38 Transfiguration Test * 39 Privet Drive + 40 Alchemy + 41 Apothecary + 42 Apparate 🔶 43 Baby Dragon ♦ 44 Bluebell Flames + 45 Burning Bitterroot Balm + 46 Cage ♦ 47 Confundus + 48 Diagon Alley™ ♦ 49 Dogbreath Potion ♦ 50 Draco's Trick + 51 Dragon Heart Wand +

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52 Fumos + 53 Guard Dog + 54 Hiding From Snape + 55 Kelpie 🔶 56 Logic Puzzle + 57 Mysterious Egg ♦ 58 Nurture + 59 Ollivanders + 60 Peeves Causes Trouble + 61 Pet Toad + 62 Pomfrey's Pick-Me-Up ◆ 63 Potions Exam + 64 Reptile House + 65 Silver Cauldron ♦ 66 Snuffling Potion ♦ 67 Stupefy **♦** 68 Take Root + 69 Transmogrify ♦ 70 Unusual Pets + 71 Vanishing Glass + 72 Winged Keys + 73 Accio 74 Avifors 75 Baubillious 76 Boa Constrictor 77 Boil Cure 78 Borrowed Wand 79 Cauldron to Sieve 80 Curious Raven

81 Dungbomb 82 Epoximise • 83 Erumpent Potion 84 Fluffy Falls Asleep • 85 Forest Troll 86 Forgetfulness Potion • 87 Foul Brew 88 Giant Tarantula 89 Hagrid and the Stranger 90 Homework 91 Hospital Wing • 92 Illegibilus • 93 Incarcifors 94 Lost Notes 95 Magical Mishap • 96 Noxious Poison 97 Out of the Woods 98 Pet Rat

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Harry Potter TCG Starter Set Card Lists

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Draco's Deck

Draco Malfoy

- 10 🖑 Lesson 9 🖤 Lesson
- 2 Accio
- 2 Boa Constrictor
- 3 Curious Raven
- 2 Hagrid and the Stranger
- 4 Magical Mishap
- 2 Stupefy
- 2 Surly Hound
- 4 Vermillious

- Hermione's Deck
- 1 Hermione Granger
 - 🐇 Lesson
 - 🔰 Lesson
- Avifors
- Curious Raven
- 2 Epoximise
- 3 Forest Troll
- 2 Hagrid and the Stranger
- 3 Incarcifors
- 2 Take Root
- 3 Vicious Wolf

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