

Magic the Gathering - Beginner Cheat Sheet

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Anatomy of a Magic Card

Mana & Colors Land Mana Color **Associated** Color Creatures Type Themes **Produced Plains** White Protection, Soldiers, Wide Leonin Board State Static Blue Control. Island Wizards. Mill Krakens Swamp Black Graveyard Zombies, Recursion, Vampires List of Creature Activated Kill **Abilities** Elves, Forest Green Big

		Creatures, Mana Production	Beasts
Mountain	Red	Fire to the Face, Hasty Attacks	Goblins, Devils
Wastes	Colorless	Exile	Eldrazi

How to Win

Put Opponents Life Total Down to 0
Put 10 Poison Counters on an Opponent
Put all Cards from Opponents Library into
their Graveyard or Exile
Play a Card with an Activated, Triggered, or

Static Ability that causes the Opponent to
Lose the Game

Card Types

Creature

Abilities

Kinds of Abilities

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Activated Activated abilities are abilities of a card that their controller can use whenever he or she wants (providing that He/She can pay for it and barring special conditions (i.e.: Play this ability only during your turn etc.).

Triggered Triggered Abilities are abilities that activate when certain conditions are met.

A Static Ability is one that, once it is employed or put into effect, simply is always in effect until the endgame.

Effect

Cycling A

Equip Equipping is to attach a piece of Artifact Equipment to a

creature, buffering it or giving it an extra ability

List of Effect

Triggered

Abilities

Abilities

Cumulative Imposes an increasing cost to Upkeep keep a permanent.

Echo Requires the affected

Requires the affected permanent's controller to pay its echo cost at the beginning of that player's next upkeep.

List of Effect
Static

Abilities (cont)

Buyback Allows you to return the card to your hand when it resolves.

Daybound If a player cast no spells during their own turn, it becomes night next turn.

Deathtouch Any amount of damage dealt by a source with Deathtouch is enough to kill the creature receiving the damage.

Defender This creature cannot attack.

Double A creature with Double Strike

Strike deals damage during the first

combat damage step alongside creatures with first strike, then additionally deal damage during the second damage step along with regular creatures.

Enchant Enchant {target} is a static ability found on Auras which defines what they can enchant. The keyword is written with a quality after it (e.g. Enchant creature) which defines what the aura can enchant.

Extort Whenever you cast a spell, you may pay {W/B} If you do, each opponent loses 1 life and you gain that much life.

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Abilities (cont)		Abilities (cont)		Abilities (cont)	
First Strike	Creates an additional combat damage step. A creature with first strike will deal its combat damage before a creature that doesn't.	Indestruc- tible	Any permanent that has indestructible cannot be destroyed, and cannot die as a result of lethal damage. This creature deals damage to	Mutate	If you cast a spell for its mutate cost, put it over or under target non-Human creature you own. They mutate into the creature on
Flash	Allows the affected card to be cast at any time you could cast		creatures in the form of -1/-1 counters and to players in the		top plus all abilities from under it.
Flying TI bl cr cr R	an instant. The affected creature cannot be blocked except by other creatures with either flying or creatures with the static ability Reach. Creatures with flying can block other creatures with	Islandwalk	The affected creature cannot be blocked as long as the defending player controls an Island land.	Nightbound	If a player cast at least two spells during their own turn, it becomes day next turn.
				Forestwalk	The affected creature cannot be blocked as long as the defending player controls a Forest land.
		Intimidate	Restricts the types of creatures that can block a creature with intimidate. A creature with intimidate can't be blocked, except by artifact creatures and by creatures		
Haste	or without flying. Haste Allows creatures to ignore the affliction informally known as "-Summoning Sickness". This means that they can attack and use activated abilities with the tap symbol on the same turn they enter the battlefield.			Swampwalk	The affected creature cannot be blocked as long as the defending player controls a Swamp land.
		Kicker/Mu Itikicker		Lifelink	a static ability that modifies the result of damage. When a card with lifelink deals damage, the controller of that card also gains an amount of life equal to the amount of damage dealt.
Hexproof	The affected permanent is unable to be targeted by spells or abilities your opponents control. Permanents with hexproof can still be targeted by spells or abilities you control.	Plainswalk	effect. The affected creature cannot be blocked as long as the defending player controls a Plains land.		
				Protection	Grants the affected permanent the inability to be dealt damage, enchanted, blocked, or targeted by any card with the stated quality.
		Menace	This creature can't be blocked except by two or more creatures.		
		Mounta-	The affected creature cannot	Reach	The affected creature can



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be blocked as long as the defending player controls a

Mountain land.

inwalk

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Riot

block creatures with flying.

battlefield with your choice of a +1/+1 counter or haste.

This creature enters the

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Abilities (cont)

Shadow The affected creature can only

block, or be blocked by other

creatures with shadow.

Shroud The affected permanent or

player cannot be the target of any spells or abilities, including

your own.

Toxic Players dealt combat damage

by this creature also get X

poison counter(s)

Trample When attacking, the affected

creature assigns the remaining damage not taken by creatures blocking it to the defending

player.

Vigilance The affected creature does not

tap once declared as an

attacker.

This does not list ALL abilities, only the ones most commonly encountered.



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