



The DM tracks minimum totals needed for successful results.

- For initiative rolls, roll 1d20 + Initiative (Dex) modifier. Higher totals act before lower totals in the same 6-second round.
- During a turn, a character or creature may do 1 movement, 1 action and up to 1 bonus action. Between turns, do up to 1 reaction.
- Advantage: Roll two d20s and use the higher result. Disadvantage: Roll two d20s and use the lower result.
- On attack rolls only, a "natural 20" is always a critical hit, while a "natural 1" is always a miss.
- Saving throws are rolled as needed at any time due to attacks, spells, or hazards.
- A character may die if failing three death saves while at 0 hit points, gaining 6 levels of exhaustion, or suffering certain deadly spells and hazards.
- Specific traits, features, spells, and magic items may create exceptions to any rules.

#### ACTIONS (1 per turn)

- **Attack:** Roll to hit, melee or ranged. Some classes and creatures make extra attacks at higher levels with this action.
- **Cast Spell:** If casting time 1 action.
- **Dash:** Double Speed this turn.
- **Disengage:** Avoiding all opportunity attacks while moving; "defensive retreat."
- **Dodge:** Give attackers disadvantage.
- **Escape:** Try to break free from grapple.
- **Grapple:** Special melee attack.
- **Help:** Give an ally advantage on one ability check or attack roll.
- **Hide:** Stealth allowed only if unobserved.
- **Ready:** Plan to take action as reaction when trigger occurs.
- **Search:** Perception or Investigation check.
- **Shove:** Special melee attack.
- **Stabilize:** DC 10 Medicine check to aid 0 h.p. dying creature; automatic success if using healer's kit.
- **Use Object:** Pick a lock, activate magical item, cover a hooded lantern, etc.
- **Use Potion:** Drink or administer.
- **Use Shield:** Equip or drop a shield.

#### BONUS ACTIONS (up to 1 per turn)

- **Offhand Attack:** If doing Attack as action, may make one attack this turn if light weapon in other hand.
- **Cast Spell:** If casting time 1 bonus action.

#### MOVEMENTS (limited by Speed)

- **Move:** Distance equal to Speed.
- **Crawl, Climb, Swim, Squeeze, Move Across Difficult Terrain or Move While Grappling:** "Half speed," uses up 10 ft. of Speed per 5 ft. distance.
- **Drop Prone:** No cost to Speed.
- **Stand Up:** From Prone position/condition, costs half Speed that turn.
- **Take Cover:** At end of move, half cover gives +2 to Armor Class and Dexterity saving throws; three-quarter cover gives +5 AC and Dex saves.

#### REACTIONS (1 between turns)

- **Cast Spell:** If casting time 1 reaction.
- **Opportunity Attack:** May make one attack if enemy moves out of reach.
- **Readied Action:** After trigger occurs, else action wasted.

#### FREE ACTIONS

- **Concentration (Maintain A Spell):** Ends if caster starts another concentration spell, or the caster is incapacitated, stunned, unconscious, or killed. If caster takes damage, a Constitution saving throw is needed to avoid immediately ending spell. DC is equal to 10 or half damage taken, whichever is greater. Each hit needs a separate saving throw check.
- **Interacting With An Object:** Generally part of another Movement or Action. Examples: Draw one weapon, drop a held object, or open an unlocked door.

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