

Casting Spells

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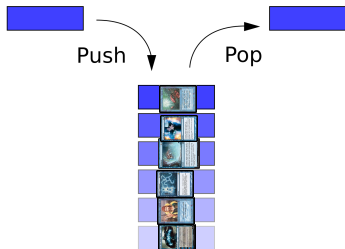
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- ▶ Spells are cards on the stack
- ▶ Copies of spells are also spell



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► Artifact



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- ▶ Creature



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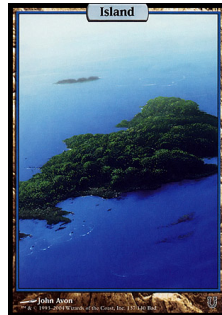
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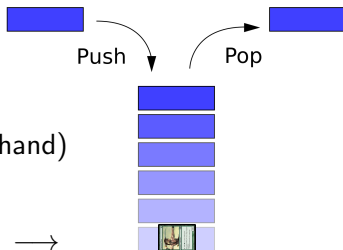


Steps of Casting a Spell

- ▶ Announce Spell
- ▶ Choices
- ▶ Targets
- ▶ Distribute
- ▶ Determine Cost
- ▶ Mana Abilities
- ▶ Payment

Announce Spell

- ▶ Announce “I am casting this spell”
- ▶ Move to top of stack (usually from hand)



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Targets

- ▶ Choose number of targets, if variable
- ▶ Must choose all legal target
- ▶ Target same object once per instance of word “target”

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Distribute

- ▶ Divide/Distribute
- ▶ At least 1 per target

Determine Cost

- ▶ Apply cost additions
- ▶ Then, apply cost reductions
- ▶ Finally, apply effects on total costs (Trinisphere)

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Mana Abilities

- ▶ Activate mana abilities (only if mana required for payment)

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Pay costs in any order

Payment

- ▶ Spell becomes cast
- ▶ Trigger trigger

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