Casting Spells

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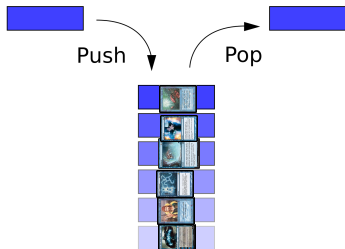
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- Spells are cards on the stack
- Copies of spells are also spell

Push   Pop

What can be a spell

- ▶ Artifact
- ▶ Creature
- ▶ Enchantment
- ▶ Instant
- ▶ Land
- ▶ Planeswalker
- ▶ Sorcery

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What can not be a spell

- LANDS
- Conspiracy
- Phenomenon
- Plane
- Scheme
- Vanguard

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

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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"

Distribute

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

Determine Cost

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

Mana Abilities

▶ Activate mana abilites (only if mana required for payment)

Payment

Pay costs in any order

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- Spell becomes cast
- Trigger trigger

Additional Examples

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