

Casting Spells

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Steps of Casting a spell

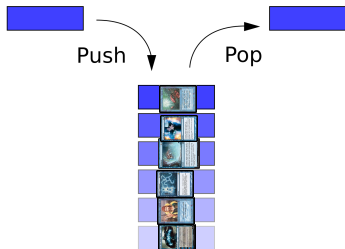
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- ▶ Spells are cards on the stack
- ▶ Copies of spells are also spell.



What can be a spell

- Artifact



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- ▶ Artifact
- ▶ Creature



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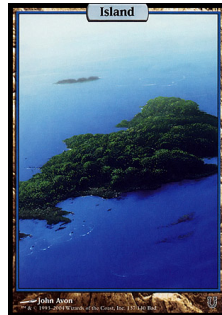
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- ▶ Sorcery.



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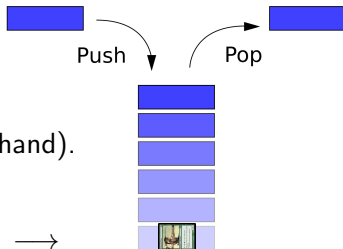
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Announce Spell

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



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



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- ▶ Apply cost additions



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- ▶ Then, apply cost reductions



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- ▶ Then, apply cost reductions
- ▶ Finally, apply effects on total costs.



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- ▶ Calculated cost becomes locked in
- ▶ Even if objects modifying the cost stop modifying the cost.

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- ▶ Trigger triggers.



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