Spells

There are 6 main schools of magic. Each school has its own basic spells called *cantrips* and 9 tiers of progressively more powerful spells that can be unlocked as heroes level up. Heroes can cast any spell from the schools that they know within the tiers they have unlocked.

Mana. Powerful tiered spells require mana—a portion of the spellcaster's life force—to fuel them. A spell's mana cost is equal to its tier. See the *Heroes* book for more info on how different classes gain mana. Cantrips, cost no mana.

Upcasting. You can spend additional mana on tiered spells (up to the tier that you have unlocked) to make them stronger for each additional mana spent.

Multi-Target/Area of Effect (AoE). Multi-target/AoE attacks follow special rules to streamline play: they do not miss or crit, and a single roll is applied to all targets. (Ignore (dis)advantage from conditions on individual targets—such as Blinded or Grappled—though anything granting **you** (dis)advantage still applies to your roll as normal.)

Save Spells. A hero's save DC is typically 10+KEY.

Range and Reach. Just like weapons, spells with "Range" can target creatures from a distance, but are cast with disadvantage if any enemy is adjacent to you. Add 1 die of disadvantage to gain +2 Range (max +6). Spells with "Reach" can't do this, but they are cast as normal even when in melee.

- **Fire Spells.** Deal high, consistent damage at medium range. Some fire spells can inflict the Smoldering condition and gain additional destructive effects against Smoldering enemies.
- **Ice Spells.** Deal medium damage at long range, with a focus on controlling the battlefield and protecting the spellcaster. Some ice spells have additional effects against Hampered targets.
- **Lightning Spells.** Deal high damage at long range with a focus on teleporting around the battlefield and taking advantage of creatures equipped with metal. However, some lightning spells may fail to find ground and damage the spellcaster instead.
- **Necrotic Spells.** Summon horrible minions or manipulate and trap targets. Some risky necrotic spells prey upon damaged creatures, sapping their very life force—but frequently fail to distinguish between friend and foe.
- **Radiant Spells.** Can obliterate the unholy, the fearful, and those who would dare harm you or your allies. Equally effective at a distance or in melee. Other spells can protect, mend wounds, and even restore creatures back to life!
- **Wind Spells.** Aid in moving friend and foe alike around the battlefield. They can also slice and cut through entire groups of foes and viciously deal extra damage on critical hits.

Secret Spells. Some spells have been hidden or lost through the ages. Whether they are too dangerous to be common knowledge or for other reasons, adventurers can sometimes stumble upon new spells (or wrench them out of the undead hands of a defeated Lich).

Fire Spells

Flame Dart Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target

RANGE: 8. **DAMAGE:** 1d10. On crit: Smoldering. **HIGH LEVELS:** +5 damage every 5 levels.

Smoldering. This condition does nothing on its own, though some spells and abilities have additional effects against Smoldering creatures.

Heart's Fire Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target **RANGE:** 4. Give an ally within Range an extra action.

Spend 1 mana to cast this when it is not your turn. **HIGH LEVELS:** +1 Range every 5 levels.

Ignite Tier 1, 2 Actions, Single Target

RANGE: 8. **DAMAGE:** 4d10 to a Smoldering target, ending the condition on hit. **UPCAST:** +10 damage.

Enchant Weapon Tier 2, 1 Action, Single Target **CONCENTRATION:** Up to 1 minute. A weapon you touch is enchanted with magical flame. It deals +KEY damage and inflicts Smoldering on crit. **UPCAST:** +KEY damage.

Flame Barrier Tier 3, 1 Action, Self

REACTION: When attacked, Defend for free. Until the start of your next turn, melee attackers against you take KEY damage (ignoring armor) and gain Smoldering. **UPCAST:** +KEY damage.

Pyroclasm Tier 4, 2 Actions, AoE

REACH: 3. Others within Reach take 2d20+10 damage (ignoring armor) on a failed DEX save. Half damage on save. Smoldering creatures fail. **UPCAST:** +1 Reach, +2 damage.

Fiery Embrace Tier 5, 2 Actions, AoE

CONCENTRATION: Up to 1 minute. **REACH:** 8. While within Reach: 1 ally gains the effects of Enchant Weapon. Enemies gain Smoldering, lose damage resistance, and their damage immunity is reduced to resistance. **UPCAST:** +1 ally.

Living Inferno Tier 7, 3 Actions, Self

Gain the effects of Flame Barrier until your next turn. At the end of this turn and your next turn, cast Pyroclasm for free. **UPCAST:** Upcast Flame Barrier and Pyroclasm.

Dragonform Tier 9, 5 Actions, Self

Transform into a Huge dragon. Gain 3 actions, a fly speed of 12, LVL Armor, 10×LVL temp HP, and:

- **TOOTH & CLAW.** Action: (Reach 2) 1d20+LVL damage (ignoring armor). Inflicts Smoldering.
- IMMOLATING BREATH. 2 Actions: (Reach: Cone 8). DC 20 DEX save, KEY d20 damage, half on save. Smoldering targets fail.

You can maintain this form for as long as the temp HP granted by this spell remain (max. 10 minutes). When it ends, you drop to 0 HP.





Ice Lance Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target

RANGE: 12. **DAMAGE:** 1d6 cold or piercing damage. On hit: Slowed. **HIGH LEVELS:** +3 damage every 5 levels.

Snowblind Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target

REACH: 1. **DAMAGE:** 1d6. On hit: Blinded until the

end of their next turn.

HIGH LEVELS: +3 damage every 5 levels.

Frost Shield Tier 1, 1 Action, Self

REACTION: When attacked, Gain 2×KEY temp HP and Defend for free. The ice melts and these temp HP are lost at the start of your next turn. **UPCAST:** +2×KEY temp HP.

Shatter Tier 2, 2 Actions, Single Target

RANGE: 12. **DAMAGE:** 3d6. If any die rolls the max against a Hampered target, this counts as a crit. On crit: +20 damage. **UPCAST:** Increase the result of ANY die by 1. +5 damage on crit.

Hampered. Any creature with actions or movement reduced; e.g., Dazed, Slowed, Grappled, Restrained, Prone, in Difficult Terrain.

Cryosleep Tier 3, 2 Actions, AoE

REACH: 12. Creatures in a 2×2 area within Reach are Dazed. On a failed STR save, they fall asleep instead, becoming Incapacitated until their next two turns have passed, until damaged, or until an ally uses an action to wake them. **UPCAST:** +1 area, +1 turn asleep.

Rimeblades Tier 4, 3 Actions, AoE

CONCENTRATION: Up to 1 minute. **REACH:** 12. Conjure razor-sharp icy spikes in 5 contiguous spaces within Reach; this area is difficult terrain. Creatures that enter these spaces (or who are in the area when you conjure them) suffer 2d6 damage for each space they touch. **UPCAST:** +1 space, +1 damage.

Arctic Blast Tier 5, 2 Actions, AoE

REACH: Cone 4. **DAMAGE:** 4d6+10 damage. This area is difficult terrain until the end of your next turn. Surviving creatures must make a STR save or be frozen in place (Restrained) until the end of their next turn; creatures already Hampered are Incapacitated for 1 turn instead. **UPCAST:** +1 Reach.

Glacier Strike Tier 8, 3 Actions, AoE

RANGE: 12. **DAMAGE:** d66 bludgeoning to creatures in a 3×3 area. Creatures adjacent to that area take half as much. The entire area permanently becomes difficult terrain. **UPCAST:** +1 initial area.

D66. Roll 2d6. The leftmost die is the tens place, and the second is the ones (e.g., 4 and 5 deal 45 damage).

Arctic Annihilation Tier 9, 3 Actions, AoE **REACH:** 12. Choose any number of objects or willing creatures within Reach to encase in ice. They are Incapacitated and immune to damage and negative effects until the start of their next turn. All other creatures and objects within Reach take d66 damage. Any surviving creature who took this damage must make a STR save or be Incapacitated for 1 round. Once you cast this spell, you must Safe Rest for 1 week before using it again.

Lightning Spells

Zap Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target

RANGE: 12. **DAMAGE:** 2d8. On miss: the lightning fails to find ground, and strikes you instead. **HIGH LEVELS:** +6 damage every 5 levels.

Overload Cantrip, 1 Action, AoE

Castable only if you are Charged, ending the condition.

REACH: 2. **DAMAGE:** 2d8 to others within Reach. **HIGH LEVELS:** +4 damage every 5 levels.

Charged. Whenever you take lightning damage you are Charged for 1 minute.

Arc Lightning Tier 1, 2 Actions, Single Target **RANGE:** 12. **DAMAGE:** 3d8. The bolt also strikes the next closest creature to your target. On miss: the lightning fails to find ground and strikes you instead. **UPCAST:** +4 damage.

Next Closest. If you or an ally is the next closest, they are hit! If 2 creatures are equally close, the GM can roll for it or select the one wearing the most metal.

Alacrity Tier 2, 1 Action, Self

RANGE: 4. **REACTION:** When attacked. Defend for free. After damage is dealt, you gain the Charged condition then teleport anywhere within Range. **UPCAST:** +4 Range.

Stormlash Tier 3, 2 Actions, AoE

LINE: 12. **DAMAGE:** 3d8+4 (ignoring metal armor). Surviving creatures are Dazed on a failed STR save, or Incapacitated instead for 1 of their turns if they fail by 5 or more. Creatures with a large amount of metal (e.g., armor or a longsword) roll with disadvantage. **UPCAST:** +4 damage.

Electrickery Tier 4, 3 Actions, 2 Targets

RANGE: 8. **REACTION:** When an ally is attacked. Choose another creature within Range to swap places with your ally on a failed WIL save (they become the new target). Costs 1 Action while Charged, ending the condition. **UPCAST:** +2 Range.

Electrocharge Tier 5, 2 Actions, Single Target

CONCENTRATION: Up to 1 minute. A creature you touch gains the Charged condition, +1 max action, +5 armor, 2x speed, and advantage on DEX saves. **UPCAST:** +4 Range.

Ride the Lightning Tier 6, 3 Actions, AoE

Teleport up to 12 spaces away to a spot you can see (if a willing creature is there, swap places with them). Adjacent creatures take d88 damage. Surviving creatures must make a STR save or be hurled back 3 spaces, knocked Prone, and deafened for 1 day. **UPCAST:** +1 DC.

D88. Roll 2d8. The leftmost die is the tens place, and the second is the ones (e.g., 4 and 5 deal 45 damage).

Seething Storm Tier 9, 3 Actions, AoE

CONCENTRATION: Up to 1 minute. **REACH:** 4. You become a cloud of tempestuous storm. You can fly, move for free 1/round, and attacks against you are made with disadvantage.

- At the end of each of your turns, strike up to 4 creatures within Reach with a bolt of lightning for d88 damage (a creature can only be struck 1/round).
- +2 Reach and number of bolts each round. Costs 3 actions each round to maintain.

Once you cast this spell, you must Safe Rest for 1 week before you can use it again.

=== Wind Spells

Razor Wind Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target

RANGE: 12. **DAMAGE:** 1d4 slashing (Vicious:roll 1 additional die whenever you roll crit damage). Also damages up to 1 adjacent target.

HIGH LEVELS: +2 damage every 5 levels.

Breath of Life Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target **RANGE:** 6. Restore 1 HP to a Dying creature. **HIGH LEVELS:** +2 Range every 5 levels.

Blustery Gale Tier 1, 2 Actions, Single Target

RANGE: 12. **DAMAGE:** 3d4 bludgeoning, advantage against flying, Small, or Tiny targets. On hit: Move a Med target 2 spaces away; Small/Tiny twice as far; Large half as far (round down). For each die you would roll due to forced movement from this spell, deal +5 damage instead. **UPCAST:** + 1 movement.

Barrier of Wind Tier 2, 1 Action, Self

REACTION: When attacked at Range. Defend for free. Ranged attacks have disadvantage against you this round (including the triggering attack). **UPCAST:** +3 Armor.

Fly Tier 3, 1 Action, Single Target+

CONCENTRATION: Up to 10 minutes. Touch a creature, grant a flying speed of 12. **UPCAST:** +1 target.

Eye of the Storm *Tier 4, 2 Actions, AoE* **REACH:** 3. **DAMAGE:** 4d4+10 bludgeoning to enemies within Reach. You may place surviving creatures anywhere within 1 space of the storm's Reach

on a failed STR save. UPCAST: +1 Reach.

Updraft Tier 5, 3 Actions, AoE

REACH: 12. Enemies within a 5 × 5 area must repeat a DEX save until they succeed. For each time they failed they suffer 1d6 falling damage and land prone. **UPCAST:** +2 Range, +1 area.

Thousand Cuts Tier 6, 3 Actions, AoE

RANGE: 12. **DAMAGE:** d44 slashing damage (roll with advantage), also damages enemies within Reach 1 of your target. **UPCAST:** +1 Reach.

D44 with advantage. Roll 3d4 and drop the lowest die. The leftmost die is the tens place, and the second is the ones (e.g., 2, 3, and 4 deals 34 damage).

Boisterous Winds Tier 7, 2 Actions, Multi-target **CONCENTRATION:** Up to 1 minute. You and up to 12 allies within Reach 12 gain: Ranged attacks have disadvantage against you, a flying speed of 12, and can move for free 1/round. **UPCAST:** +1 minute or +2 targets.

SONGWEAVER ONLY

Vicious Mockery Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target RANGE: 12. DAMAGE: 1d4+INT psychic (ignoring armor). On hit: the target is Taunted during their next turn. **HIGH LEVELS:** +2 damage every 5 levels.

Q Radiant Spells

Rebuke Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target

REACH: 4. **DAMAGE:** 1d6 (ignoring armor), does not miss. 2 × damage against undead or cowardly (those Frightened or behind cover). **HIGH LEVELS:** +2 damage every 5 levels.

True Strike Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target

REACH: 2. Give a creature advantage on the next attack they make (until the end of their next turn). **HIGH LEVELS:** +1 Reach every 5 levels.

Heal Tier 1, 1 Action, Single Target+

REACH: 1. Heal a creature 1d6+KEY HP. **UPCAST:** Choose one: +1 target, +4 Reach, +1d6 healing. If 5+ mana is spent, you may also heal 1 negative condition (e.g., Blind, Poisoned, 1 Wound).

Warding Bond Tier 2, 1 Action, Single Target
Designate a willing creature as your ward for 1
minute. They take half damage from all attacks; you
are attacked for the other half. **UPCAST:** +1 creature.

Shield of Justice Tier 3, 1 Action, Self

REACTION: When attacked, Defend for free and reflect Radiant damage back at the attacker equal to the amount blocked (ignoring armor). **UPCAST:** +5 Armor.

Condemn Tier 4, 2 Actions, Single Target

REACH: 4. **DAMAGE:** 30. Can only target an enemy that crit you or an ally since your last turn. Cannot be reduced by any means. The next attack against that enemy is made with advantage. **UPCAST:** +1 Reach, +1 advantage.

Vengeance Tier 5, 2 Actions, Single Target

REACH: 1. **DAMAGE:** 1d100, to a creature that attacked a Dying ally or reduced one to 0 HP since your last turn. **UPCAST:** +1 Reach, roll w/ advantage.

Sacrifice Tier 6, 1 Action, Special

REACH: 4. Reduce yourself to 0 HP. You cannot have more than 0 HP until you Safe Rest. Heal a number of HP equal to your maximum HP, divided as you choose to any other creatures within Reach. You may revive a creature that has died in the past minute if you give them at least 20 HP (also healing 2 Wounds from them), provided they have not been revived with this spell before. **UPCAST:** +4 Reach.

Redeem Tier 9. AoE

CASTING TIME: 24 hours. **REQUIRES:** A diamond worth at least 10,000 gp, which this spell consumes. Revive any number of deceased creatures you choose—within 1 mile—that have died in the past year, provided they have not died of old age or been revived with this spell before.

SHEPHERD ONLY

Lifebinding Spirit Tier 1, 1 Action

Summon a spirit companion that follows you and is immune to harm. It lasts until you cast this spell again, take a Safe Rest, or it heals a number of times equal to the mana spent summoning it.

ACTION: It attacks or heals a creature within Reach 4. It attacks for 1d6+WIL radiant damage (ignoring armor), or heals for the same amount.

UPCAST: Increment its die size by 1 (max d12), +1 healing use.

Flavor is Free. Your Lifebinding Spirit can take the form of any small friendly animal or similar creature (dog, lamb, rabbit, sparrow, etc.). Make sure you give your little buddy a name, too!

Outside of Combat. Your companion is a spirit, so it can pass through walls and dangers harmlessly. It can briefly move away from you (but always prefers to be faithfully at your side). It cannot speak.

Necrotic Spells

Entice Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target

RANGE: 8. **DAMAGE:** 1d4 (ignoring armor). On hit: target moves 2 spaces closer to you. **HIGH LEVELS:** Increment the die size 1 step every 5 levels (d6 » d8 » d10 » d12).

Withering Touch Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target REACH: 1. DAMAGE: 1d12. On hit: Target is considered undead for 1 round. HIGH LEVELS: +6 damage every 5 levels.

Shadow Trap Tier 1, 2 Actions, Single Target **CONCENTRATION:** Up to 1 minute. The next creature to move adjacent to you suffers 3d12 damage; if Small or Tiny, it is also Restrained by shadowy tendrils for as long as you maintain concentration or until they escape. **UPCAST:** +1 size category, +1d12 damage when they escape.

Dread Visage Tier 2, 1 Action, Self

REACTION: When attacked, Defend for free. Melee attackers are Frightened of you and suffer 1d12 damage if they attack you this round. Costs 2 mana less while dying. **UPCAST:** +2 damage, +2 armor.

Vampiric Greed Tier 3, 2 Actions, AoE

RANGE: 8. DAMAGE: 4d12. Gain 1 Wound and heal HP equal to the damage done. Any surviving creatures make a STR save. Gain 1 additional Wound for each creature that saves. UPCAST: +1 DC.

Greater Shadow Tier 4. 2 Actions

Summon a 5d12 Greater Shadow minion (max 1) adjacent to you. When it dies, it explodes into 5 shadow minions (see Summon Shadow). Place them anywhere within 8 spaces. *UPCAST:* +1d12 damage, +1 shadow minion on explosion.

Gangrenous Burst Tier 5, 2 Actions, AoE **REACH:** Up to 8. Other damaged creatures must make a STR save or take 3d20 damage (ignoring armor), half on save. The save is rolled with disadvantage while Bloodied. **UPCAST:** +10 damage.

Unspeakable Word Tier 6, 2 Actions, Special **REACH:** 8. **DAMAGE:** d66 (with advantage, ignoring armor, does not miss or crit) on a failed INT save. Target rolls with disadvantage if Bloodied or Frightened. On a success, you both take half of this damage instead. **UPCAST:** +1 DC, +10 damage.

D66 with advantage. Roll 3d6 and drop the lowest die. The leftmost die is the tens place, and the second is the ones (e.g., 2, 3, and 4 deals 34 damage).

Creeping Death Tier 7, 3 Actions, AoE **REACH:** 8. **DAMAGE:** 4d20. If this kills the creature, it violently erupts and you MUST deal the same amount of damage to another creature within 8 spaces of it that has not yet been damaged by this effect. Repeat until a creature survives this damage or no other creatures are within Reach. **UPCAST:** +1d20 damage.

SHADOWMANCER ONLY

Shadow Blast Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target RANGE: 8. DAMAGE: 1d12+KEY. 1/round. HIGH LEVELS: +1d12 every 5 levels.

Summon Shadow Cantrip, 1 Action Summon a shadow minion within Reach 1 (you can summon a max of INT or LVL minions this way, whichever is lower). Your shadow minions follow the normal minion rules: they have 1 HP, no damage bonus, and do not crit. They abandon you immediately outside of combat.

ACTION: (1/turn) you may command ALL of your minions to move up to 6 then attack (Reach 1, d12 each). **HIGH LEVELS:** +1 Reach every 5 levels.















—ICE—

Ice Disk Cantrip, Casting Time: 1 min Conjure a disk of ice that floats just above the ground and follows you. It can carry up to 250 lbs./115 kg of weight for 1 hour or until you cast this spell again.

Chillcraft Cantrip, 1 Action

CHILL. Harmlessly freeze, thaw, or move a bath-sized amount of water near you. OR: **CRAFT.** Conjure a sheet of opaque, mirror-like, or transparent ice the size of a window or small door.

Wintry Scrying

Cantrip, Casting Time: 10 min

Turn a small patch of water into a reflective icy mirror. Looking though it grants you vision of any desired location near this same body of water for 10 minutes.

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-FIRE-

Firebrand Cantrip, 1 Action

Touch a surface and secretly mark it with a symbol or brief message. Speaking a chosen command word while nearby reveals it.

Fire Step Cantrip, Self, Casting Time:

Teleport to a fire source you can see.

Kindle Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target **CONJURE** a minor visual illusion. OR: **IGNITE** a small, unheld item within Range 6.



—LIGHTNING—

Spark Buddy Cantrip, Casting Time: 1 min Conjure a Tiny (squirrel-sized) electrical helper for up to 1 hour. It can fetch Tiny objects (~1 lb./500 g max), open unlocked doors, illuminate a small area, or deliver a harmless shock. If it takes damage or moves further than 6 spaces away from you, it dissipates into sparks.

Spark Step Cantrip, 1 Action, Self **RANGE:** 4. Teleport to a metal object.

Tempest's Command Cantrip, 1 Action **DISPEL** a minor magical effect, or temporarily suppress a stronger one (the more powerful an enchantment, the shorter the duration). OR: **Voice of Thunder.** Your eyes glow and your voice is amplified to a booming, thunder-like volume for 1 min.



-RADIANT-

Light Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target
Cause an item to brightly glow as a torch with radiant light for as long as you hold it.

Beautify Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target Clean stains or repair a small tear/break in a non-magical item, or conjure tiny beautiful things: flowers, butterflies, etc.

Bond of Peace Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target/Self

BOND. Telepathically communicate simple thoughts or feelings with a friendly creature you can see. OR:

PEACE. Imbue your spoken words with calming magic, granting advantage on any check made to soothe anger or fear in creatures who can hear you.



-WIND-

Wind Whisper Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target You whisper a message into the wind and it will be secretly carried to a specified target within 100 miles/160 km.

Helpful Gust Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target **REACH:** 6. Gently move a Tiny unheld item within Reach in any direction. OR: Generate an illusory scent.

Feather Fall Cantrip, 1 Action, Single Target **REACH:** 6. **REACTION:** When a creature falls, cause them to gently float to the ground, unharmed.



-NECROTIC-

Gravecraft Cantrip, Single Target **GRAVEMARK.** Action: Soil a surface with blood, filth, or other disgusting things. OR: **GRAVEWORK.** Casting time 1 minute: Shape/ move a body-sized plot of earth.

False Face Cantrip, Casting Time: 1 min Change your appearance to look like someone else for 10 minutes. Requires a piece of them.

Thought Leech Cantrip, 1 Action **REACH:** 6. Read the surface thoughts of a creature within Reach. Creatures can sense you doing this and may not like it.