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welcome to the dungeon zone, i wrote this on top of another PDF of a game called Knave bc i like some of its rules but not all of them.

If you've never played D&D before all you need to know is that you play as a character in a sort of collaborative story! We'll use dice to resolve any situation with an uncertain outcome, like a fight. It's easy to learn the rules as you play and you can always ask the GM questions of course.

Tips: seek out adventure, get treasure, befriend monsters, and slay evil doers. Do whatever you want and have fun and/or figure out what kind of story you want to tell/play and say that your characters do that.

## Character Creation

**1** PCs have six abilities: Strength, Dexterity, Constitution, Intelligence, Wisdom, and Charisma. Each ability has two related values: a **defense** and a **bonus**.

Roll 3d6 for each Ability, in order, and write these numbers down on your character sheet.

You can swap 2 results if you want to.

Next to each Ability Score, write down the Ability's bonus.

If you got a 16 for Strength then your Strength bonus would be +6, if you got an 11, it would be +1, and if you got a 9 it would be -1, etc.

**2** Choose a class from this list and write down your Class Abilities, Spells, etc. (see the following page) and then roll your Hit Die to determine your Hit Points or HP, and write that down too.

Classes, Hit Die - Description  
Fighter, 1d10 - Good at fighting.  
Rogue, 1d8 - Good at being sneaky and stealing from dungeons.  
Wizard, 1d6 - Good at doing 3 specific spells, probably bad at surviving in a fair fight.  
Barbarian, 1d10 - Good at fighting aggressively.  
Assassin, 1d8 - Good at being sneaky but a little bit better at doing murder than the Rogue.  
Knight, 1d10 - Good at fighting defensively.

**3**

PCs start with 2 days of rations and one weapon of their player's choice. Roll on the Starting Gear tables on the following page to determine starting armor and equipment.

PCs have a number of item slots equal to their Constitution defense, and items they carry must fit into available slots. Most items take up one slot, but some take up more. Some small items can be bundled together into a single slot. Ask the referee if you are unsure.

Armor comes with an armor defense value. Note that value on your character sheet with its corresponding Armor bonus (always 10 less than the defense). If the PC is not wearing any armor, their armor defense is 11 and their armor bonus is +1.

## Goblins

A faster alternative character creation method is GOBLINS: Roll 3d20 and ask the GM what your goblin name is.

Consult the tables on the goblins page if you're curious about the options. If you don't like your goblin you can always reroll! But there is no going backwards, only forwards to more goblins.

# 2. Classes

## Fighter

HIT DICE - 1D10

Class Abilities:

- +1 Attack Bonus

- 1 extra weapon of your choice

- +2 Special Attacks chosen from the weapon list.

## Thief

HIT DICE: 1D8

- You can always move silently
- Thief's Tools: use to disarm or rewire traps, pick locks, or anything else you can imagine doing with pliers, hammers, and other little tools.
- Sneak Attack: +1d6 damage when striking an enemy while hidden.

## Magic User

HIT DICE: 1D6

- You have 1 Magic Die (a d6) which you roll each time you cast a spell. If you roll a 1 you cause a Calamity, if you roll a 2-3 your magic die is exhausted for the day, if you roll a 4-6 you keep it.
- 2 Spellbooks, see spell list on the 5th page for details.
- 1 cantrip chosen from this list:
  1. You can change some but not all of the visual properties of an object you touch (color, brightness, texture, level of hair)
  2. You can create small physical objects like wrenches or dildoes.
  3. You can move things with Your Mind, only small objects.
  4. You can add 1 Magic Die to a spell by performing a Sacrifice (killing another creature or permanently losing 1d4 HP).

## Cleric

HIT DICE: 1D6

- You know 1 of the following Rituals, and you can perform it 3 times a day:

1. Lay on Hand - restores 1d6 HP to any creature you touch.
2. Turn Undead - 2HD of monsters/Level must save or flee in terror.
3. Protection - Grant one creature you can see advantage on all defense rolls for 1 round
4. - +1 Defense Bonus

ADVANCED CLASSES

## Assassin

HIT DICE - 1D8

- +1 Attack Bonus (+another 1 if you know something important about your enemy)
- Sneak Attack: +1d6 damage when striking an enemy while hidden.
- +1 Special Attack chosen from the Weapon List

## Barbarian

- +1 Attack Bonus
- +1 Special Attack chosen from the Weapon List
- Rage - 1/day you can choose to have disadvantage on all defense rolls in order to deal an extra +2 damage on every attack until

## Knight

HIT DICE - 1D10

- +1 Defense
- +1 Special Attack chosen from the Weapon List
- You start with a shield and plate armor.

## Paladin

HIT DICE - 1D10

- +1 Defense
- +1 Special Attack chosen from the Weapon List
- You can cast 1 Cleric Ritual, once a day.

# Goblins

Your goblin name is your Get Good Result (Family Name) + Middle Names (Classes) + Weapon, in whatever order sounds the best, or the worst.

Examples include:

CURBIS GOOD PUNCH CROOKED-AXE

BLEAN GOOD EARS SWORD-GOO

WEIRD GNAR DAGGER-STABBER THE SHREDDER  
(AKA Weird Gnar the Shredder)

1d20 Get Good Table (The Great Goblin Families of Goblin Mountain)

1. Good Guts. +2 HPs, no poison eats.
2. Good Brains. +2 Int, learn random little wizard spell.
3. Good Face. +2 Chisma. Big big smile grin, ear to ear. Big eyes. Smell good too.
4. Good Ears. +2 Wisdom, not never sneaked up on.
5. Good Sneaks. +2 Dexterity, +4 Stealth. So sneaks.
6. Good Punch. +2 Strength, +2 Attack. Like to fight. Fight you. Fight yor mum.
7. More teef. Mouth is also daggers now. Can chew rocks, sticks.
8. Not Dead. Fatal wounds go away on 1 or 3, not just 1. Is much good.
9. Beetle friend. Can ride it. If dead, is good but sad, find new beetle next day.
10. Sticky. +4 climb. Easy climb but fings get gummed up.
11. Weird Goblan. Newtate.
12. Ankle Bite. If fight thing bigger you, +2 Attack.
13. Goblin friend. Is good. Maybe make more goblins? If dead, find new friend next day.
14. Bug barf. One time in day, barf up big sack of spiders, worms.
15. Wut? Never afraid.
16. Lucky Goblan. +2 Save. Also, one time per day, roll one big round dice again.
17. New Stuff. If lost arm or leg, grows back in some days.
18. No Squish. If fall, no die. Bounce instead.
19. Ooze friend. No acid or guts or ooze hurt you.
20. Greasy. Can no be tied up or grabbed.

## 1d6 Last Names (classes)

1. Thrower (fighter)
2. Crooked (thief)
3. Stabber (assassin)
4. Big (knight)
5. Blood (barbarian)
6. Six (roll again for spell)
  - 1. Death (1MD and 1 spellbook of raise dead)
  - 2. Goop (1MD and 1 spellbook of mutate)
  - 3. Fire (1MD and 1 spellbook of fireball)
  - 4. Cool (1MD and 1 spellbook of ice wall)
  - 5. Brite (1MD and 1 spellbook of prismatic ray)
  - 6. Head (1MD and 1 spellbook of telekinesis)

## 1d12 Weapons

1. tooth/claw (1d4)
2. axe (1d10)
3. dagger (1d6)
4. sword (1d8)
5. flail (1d8)
6. arrow (bow) (1d8)
7. Pointy (Spear) (1d8)
8. spike (spike mace) (1d8)
9. Book as mace, 25% chance its a spellbook (1d8)
10. Hammer (1d10)
11. Bolt (crossbow) (1d10)
12. Match (and booze) (1d6 per round of burning)

## Goblin Nicknames:

1. Urmock
2. Jobel
3. Hoo
3. Blean
4. Vegan
5. Curbis
6. Nort
7. Ham
8. Max
9. Bort
10. Cone
11. Czub
12. Tarp
13. Bug
14. Goo
15. Pointy
16. Arson
17. Deth
18. Tree
19. Friend
20. Hand

# WEAPONS

## NAME - DAMAGE - SPECIAL ATTACK

Axe - 1d10 - Dismember, -2 penalty, enemy must Save or lose a limb.

Bow - 1d8 - Pin Shot, -2 penalty, enemy can't move for 1 turn.

Crossbow - 1d10, 2-handed - Blue Bolt, Take a round to aim. Target must Save vs. Critical.

Dagger - 1d6 - Bleed, enemy takes 1d4 damage each round for 3 rounds.

Flail - 1d8 - Stun, enemy can't act for their next turn.

Greataxe - 1d12, 2-handed - Dismember, -2 penalty, if enemy has 5 or less HP after, they lose a limb

Greatsword - 1d12, 2-handed - Cleave, split damage between two targets

Halberd - 1d12, 2-handed - Dismember, -2 penalty, if enemy has 5 or less HP after, they lose a limb

## NAME - DAMAGE - SPECIAL ATTACK

Mace - 1d8 - Sunder - enemy has disadvantage on Defense for the rest of the fight or until they can fix their busted armor.

Staff/Club - 1d6 - Stun, enemy can't act for their next turn.

Scythe - 1d8 - Slash, split damage between three targets

Sling - 1d4 - Blinding Shot, -2 penalty, enemy is blinded for their next turn.

Spear - 1d8 - Impale, enemy can't move for 2 turns.

Longsword - 1d8 - Parry, you can counterattack whenever an attack misses you.

Warhammer - 1d10, 2-handed - Sunder, enemy has disadvantage on Defense for the rest of the fight or until they can fix their busted armor.

# Starting Gear

## Armor

1-3:	4-14:	15-19:	20:
No armor	Gambeson (Leather)	Brigandine (Studded Leather)	Chain

## Helmets and Shields

1-13:	14-16:	17-19:	20:
None	Helmet	Shield	Helmet and Shield

## Dungeoneering Gear

Roll twice on this table, and once on the following two.

1. Rope, 50ft
2. Pulleys
3. Candles, 5
4. Chain, 10ft
5. Chalk, 10
6. Crowbar
7. Tinderbox
8. Grap. hook
9. Hammer
10. Waterskin
11. Lantern
12. Lamp oil
13. Padlock
14. Manacles
15. Mirror
16. Pole, 10ft
17. Sack
18. Tent
19. Spikes, 5
20. Torches, 5

## General Gear 1

1. Air bladder
2. Bear trap
3. Shovel
4. Bellows
5. Grease
6. Saw
7. Bucket
8. Caltrops
9. Chisel
10. Drill
11. Fish. rod
12. Marbles
13. Glue
14. Pick
15. Hourglass
16. Net
17. Tongs
18. Lockpicks
19. Metal file
20. Nails

## General Gear 2

1. Incense
2. Sponge
3. Lens
4. Perfume
5. Horn
6. Bottle
7. Soap
8. Spyglass
9. Tar pot
10. Twine
11. Fake jewels
12. Blank book
13. Card deck
14. Dice set
15. Cook pots
16. Face paint
17. Whistle
18. Instrument
19. Quill & Ink
20. Small bell

# Item Costs

All prices are given in copper pennies. Payment for things like ships, real estate, and so on usually takes the form of trade goods, favors, or oaths of fealty rather than coins.

## Tools & Gear

Air Bladder	5
Bear Trap	20
Bedroll	10
Bellows	10
Black Grease	1
Block and Tackle	30
Book (Blank)	300
Book (Reading)	600
Bottle/Vial	1
Bucket	5
Caltrops (bag)	10
Cards with an extra Ace	5
Chain (10 ft)	10
Chalk (10 pieces)	1
Chisel	5
Cookpots	10
Crowbar	10
Drill	10
Face Paint/Makeup	10
Fake Jewels	50
Fishing Rod/Tackle	10
Glass Marbles (bag)	5
Glue (bottle)	1
Grappling Hook	10
Hammer	10
Holy Water	25
Horn	10
Hourglass	300

Incense (packet)	10
Iron Tongs	10
Ladder (10 ft)	10
Large Sponge	5
Lens	100
Lockpicks	100
Manacles	10
Metal File	5
Mirror (small, silver)	200
Musical Instrument	200
Nails (12)	5
Net	10
Oilskin Bag	5
Oilskin Trousers	10
Padlock and Key	20
Perfume	50
Pick	10
Pole (10ft)	5
Quill and Ink	1
Rope (50ft)	10
Sack	1
Saw	10
Set of Loaded Dice	5
Shovel	10
Small Bell	20
Soap	1
Spike (iron)	5
Spike (wood)	1
Spiked boots	5
Spyglass	1000
Tar (Pot)	10
Tent (3 man)	100
Tent (personal)	50
Twine (300 ft)	5
Waterskin	5
Whistle	5

## Light

Candle, 4 hours	1
Lantern	30
Lamp Oil, 4 hours	5
Tinderbox	10
Torch, 1 hour	1

## Armor

Shield	40
(Defense +1, 1 slot, 1 quality)	
Helmet	40
(Defense +1, 1 slot, 1 quality)	
Gambeson (Leather)	60
(Defense 12, 1 slot, 3 quality)	
Brigandine (Studded Leather)	500
(Defense 13, 2 slots, 4 quality)	
Chain	1200
(Defense 14, 3 slots, 5 quality)	
Half Plate	4000
(Defense 15, 4 slots, 6 quality)	
Full Plate	8000
(Defense 16, 5 slots, 7 quality)	

## Weapons

Dagger, Cudgel, Sickle,	5
Staff, etc. (d6 damage, 1 slot, 1 hand, 3 quality)	
Spear, Sword, Mace, Axe, 10	
Flail, etc. (d8 damage, 2 slots, 1 hand, 3 quality)	
Halberd, War Hammer, 20	
Long Sword, Battle Axe, etc. (d10 damage, 3 slots, 2 hands, 3 quality)	
Sling (d4 damage, 1 slot, 1 hand, 3 quality)	5
Bow (d6 damage, 2 slots, 2 hands, 3 quality)	15
Crossbow (d8 damage, 3 slots, 2 hands, 3 quality)	60
Arrows (20)	5
Quiver (capacity 20)	10

## Clothing

Poor	10
Standard	50
Noble	3000
Furs	5000
Winter	100

## Food

Travel rations (1 day)	5
Animal Feed (1 day)	2
Bacon, side of	10
Bread, 1 loaf	1
Cheese, 1 lb	2
Cider, 4 gallons	1
Cod, whole	20
Eggs, 24	1
Flour, 5 lbs	1
Fruit, 1 lb	1
Garlic, bunch	1
Grain, 1 bushel (8 gal.)	4
Herbs, 1 bunch	1
Lard, 5 lbs	1
Onions, 1 bushel	8
Salt, 1 bushel	3
Spices, 1 lb	100
Sugar, 1 lb	12
Wine/ale, bottle	1

## Animals

Chicken	1
Cow	100
Dog, hunting	50
Dog, small but vicious	20
Donkey/Pack Horse	300
Goat	10
Hawk	1000
Horse, riding	1000
Horse, war	10,000
Ox	300
Pig	30
Sheep	15

## Lodging

Bed, per night	1
Private room, per night	2
Meal	2
Hot bath	2
Stabling and fodder	2

## Ships

Ship, high quality	720/ton
Ship, good quality	480/ton
Ship, used quality	240/ton
Ship, poor quality	120/ton
Raft	50
Fishing boat	500
Sloop	5000
Caravel	25,000
Galleon	125,000

## Transport

Carriage	320
Cart	50
Wagon	120

## Henchmen

Wages are per day, not including food, supplies, shelter, etc.

Laborer	1
Scribe	2
Archer	3
Mason	4
Man-at-arms, on foot	6
Armorer or Blacksmith	8
Man-at-arms, mounted	12
Master Builder	15
Barber-Surgeon	25
Knight	25

## Buildings

Hovel	120
Row House	1200
Craftsman's House	2400
Merchant's House	7200
House with Courtyard	21,600
Guildhall	32,600
Stone Tower	48,000
Temple	75,000
Stronghold	100,000
Cathedral	500,000
Imperial Palace	2,500,000

# Spells

These are specifically for starting Wizards, 100 more spells can be found on the last 2 pages.

Unless otherwise noted, all spells with ongoing effects last up to Dice×10 minutes, and have a range of up to 40 feet. If a spell directly affects another creature, the creature may make a save to avoid it. Success reduces or negates the spell's effects.

## Name

R : Range T : Target D : Duration

## Illusion

R: 50' T: [dice]x5' diameter D: concentration

You create an illusion of whatever object or creature you want. It can move at your will, but cannot make any sound or smell. Illusions can only add, not subtract. They can cover up a hole, but not create the illusion of a hole.

## False Life

R: touch T: 1 character/self D:[dice] minutes

You gain [sum] temporary hit points for the duration. You count as undead as long as these hit points persist.

## Disguise

R: Touch T: [dice] objects or characters D: [dice] hours

You may alter the appearance of [dice] characters or objects to appear as another character or object.

## Prismatic Ray

R: 200' T: [dice] creatures or objects D: 0

Target suffers a different effect depending on which color strikes the target. Roll a d10:

1. Red. Target takes [sum] fire damage, Save for half.
2. Orange. Target takes [sum] bludgeoning damage and is knocked prone. Save negates.
3. Yellow. Target takes [sum] lightning damage, Save for half.
4. Green. Target takes [sum] acid damage, Save for half.
5. Blue. Target takes [sum] ice damage, Save for half.
6. Purple. Target takes [sum] necrotic damage and is blinded for [sum] rounds. Save negates.
- 7, 8, 9. Struck twice. Roll a d6 twice. Add effects; make one save.
10. Struck thrice. Roll a d6 three times.

## Telepathy

R: 50' T: [dice] creatures D: [dice] hours

You can speak to other creatures through your mind.

## Wizard Eyes

R: touch T: sighted creature or self D: 1 hour

A third eye pops open on your forehead and you can see previously hidden dimensions of light and reality: you can see through illusions, see the true forms of shapeshifters, identify magic items, see invisible creatures, see ghosts, malevolent purple energies, heat, psychic power levels, etc.

## Magic Missile

R: 200' T: creature D: 0

Target takes [sum] + [dice] damage, no save.

## Fireball

R: 200' T: 20' diameter D: 0

Does [sum] fire damage to all objects.

## Shield

R: 50' T: Self or another character D: instant

This spell can be cast on another character's turn to prevent an attack from succeeding. It creates a magical barrier and negates 1 attack.

## Shapeshift

R: touch T: self D:[dice]x10 minutes

You and your possessions transform into 30. a mundane animal. If its a bear or like a bear, you get an extra 1d6 HP, if its a wolf or like a wolf you get +2 damage and attack, and if its a bird you can fly so you don't get any kind of bonus.

## Teleport

R: [dice] miles T: Self D: instant

Teleport to a place you have been before and can visualize. Alternately, you can specify a direction and a distance, but this is Not Recommended.

## Psychic Spear

R: 50' T: [dice] creatures D: instant

Target takes [sum] + [dice] damage, save vs. stun.

## Contact Outer Sphere (Summon)

D: [dice] Hours

Every constellation is alive. If you are able to accurately identify them you can use this spell to contact those Entities and ask them for their aid, or you can use this spell to pick one at random.

Each time this spell is cast the GM will generate a new alien entity to be drawn into our realm.

## Fear

R: 50' T: [dice] creatures D: [dice]x10 minutes

Target must save or flee in terror.

## Speak 2 Dead

R: Touch T: 1 corpse D: [dice] hours

You can talk to a corpse, it wont necessarily want to answer your questions though.

## Raise Dead

R: 20' T: 1 or more corpses D: 2 hours

[Dice] corpses rise to serve you. They are incredibly stupid and can only obey simple orders. Skeletons have 12 AC, 6 HP and deal 1d6 damage.

## Monsterize

R: touch T: 1 small animal, insect or vermin

D: [dice] x10 minutes

Target vermin (rat, scorpion, termite, etc) becomes huge and aggressive.

HD: [dice]x2, Attack: [dice]+d10, Defense: 12

Monstrified vermin attack the nearest foe, and casters usually throw the vermin as they cast this spell. Works on goblins and other low HD monsters. There is a 1-in-10 chance that this spell will be permanent. If you invest 4 [dice], the creature also mutates.

## Mutate

R: touch T: creature D: permanent

Save negates. Save once per mutation. Target gains [dice] random mutations. If the creature chooses to fail its Save, roll double the number of mutations, and the caster chooses which half are gained.

## Clone

R: touch T: creature D: [dice] hours

The target vomits up a clone of themselves who is two inches shorter but otherwise identical. Roll on the reactions table to find out how the clone feels about this.

## Regenerate

R: touch T: creature D: [dice] hours

Target regenerates 1 HP every 10 minutes. If a sufficiently magical object (a troll heart, a unicorn horn, an aboleth eye, etc.) is used in the casting, target also regrows missing limbs or damaged organs

# Playing the Game

## Abilities

Each of the six abilities is used in different circumstances.

- **Strength:** Used for melee attacks and saves requiring physical power, like lifting gates, bending bars, etc.
- **Dexterity:** Used for saves requiring poise, speed, and reflexes, like dodging, climbing, sneaking, balancing, etc.
- **Constitution:** Used for saves to resist poison, sickness, cold, etc. The Constitution bonus is added to healing rolls. A PC's number of item slots is always equal to their Constitution defense.
- **Intelligence:** Used for saves requiring concentration and precision, such as wielding magic, resisting magical effects, recalling lore, crafting objects, tinkering with machinery, picking pockets, etc.
- **Wisdom:** Used for ranged attacks and saves requiring perception and intuition, such as tracking, navigating, searching for secret doors, detecting illusions, etc.
- **Charisma:** Used for saves to persuade, deceive, interrogate, intimidate, charm, provoke, etc. PCs may employ a number of henchmen equal to their Charisma bonus.

**Designer's Note:** In a system that relies so heavily on the six abilities, it's important for each of them to play an important role, to discourage dump stats. Non-magical characters tend to dump the mental abilities, for example, so I increased their usefulness.

## Item Slots

PCs have a number of item slots equal to their Constitution defense. Most items, including spellbooks, potions, a day's rations, light weapons, tools and so on take up 1 slot, but particularly heavy or bulky items like armor or medium to heavy weapons may take up more slots. Groups of small, identical items may be bundled into the same slot, at

the referee's discretion. 100 coins can fit in a slot. As a general guideline, a slot holds around 5 pounds of weight.

**Designer's Note:** Using item slots makes encumbrance simple enough that players will be willing to track it. Slots are also the key to character customization, as a PC's gear helps determine who they are. Raising Constitution, therefore, will probably be a priority for most characters.

## Saving Throws

If a character attempts something where the outcome is uncertain and failure has consequences, they make a **saving throw**, or "save". To make a save, add the bonus of the relevant ability to a d20 roll. If the total is **greater than** 15, the character succeeds. If not, they fail.

**Designer's Note:** Requiring saves to exceed 15 means that new PCs have around a 25% chance of success, while level 10 characters have around a 75% chance of success, since ability bonuses can get up to +10 by level 10. This reflects the general pattern found in the save mechanics of early D&D.

If the save is opposed by another character, then instead of aiming to exceed 15, the side doing the rolling must get a total greater than the opposing character's relevant defense score in order to succeed. If they fail, the opposing side succeeds. This type of save is called an **opposed save**. Note that it doesn't matter which side does the rolling, since the odds of success remain the same.

**Example:** A wizard casts a fireball spell at a goblin, who gets a saving throw to avoid. This is resolved as an opposed save using the wizard's Intelligence versus the goblin's Dexterity. The goblin may roll plus their Dexterity bonus, hoping to exceed the wizard's Intelligence defense or the wizard may roll plus their Intelligence bonus, hoping to exceed the goblin's Dexterity defense.

**Designer's Note:** An ability's defense score is essentially its average roll. Requiring the rolling side to beat the opposing defense allows contests to be settled more quickly, eliminates the possibility of ties, and allows the game to be run with players doing all of the rolling if they so choose, since the odds of success are the same no matter which side rolls.

If there are situational factors that make a save significantly easier or harder, the referee may grant the roll **advantage** or **disadvantage**. If a roll has advantage, roll 2d20 and use

the better of the two dice. If it has disadvantage, roll 2d20 and use the worse of the two dice.

**Designer's Note:** The referee is of course free to impose positive or negative modifiers rather than use the advantage system, but most players seem to enjoy it and it simplifies the math.

## Reactions

When the PCs encounter an NPC whose reaction to the party is not obvious, the referee may roll 2d6 and consult the following table.

2	3-5	6-8	9-11	12
Hostile	Unfriendly	Unsure	Talkative	Helpful

## Combat

At the start of each combat round, determine initiative by rolling a d6. On a 1-3, all of the enemies will act first. On a 4-6 all of the PCs will act first. Reroll initiative each round.

**Designer's Note:** Using simple group initiative speeds up combat, keeps all of the players engaged, and avoids bookkeeping. Rerolling initiative every round makes combat more dangerous, since it's possible for one side to go twice in a row.

On their turn, a character may move their speed (usually 40 ft) and take up to one combat action. This action may be casting a spell, making a second move, making an attack, attempting a stunt, or any other action deemed reasonable by the referee.

Melee weapons can strike adjacent foes, but ranged weapons cannot be used if the shooting character is engaged in melee combat. To make an attack, roll a d20 and add the character's Strength or Wisdom bonus, depending on whether they are using a melee or ranged weapon, respectively. If the attack total is **greater than** the defender's armor defense, the attack hits. If not, the attack misses.

Alternatively, an attack roll can also be resolved by the defender rolling a d20 and adding their armor bonus, hoping to roll a total **greater than** the defense of the ability the attacker is using. If they succeed, the attack misses. If they fail, the attack hits.

**Designer's Note:** In other words, attacks are resolved the same way as opposed saves, just using Armor in place of an ability.

On a hit, the attacker rolls their weapon's damage die to determine how many **Hit Points** (HP) the defender loses. A bonus damage die of the weapon's type may be added to the roll if the ideal weapon was used against an enemy type (for example, using a blunt weapon vs. a skeleton).

## Death

When a character reaches 0 HP (or lower) they must save or die (roll under con): if they succeed they gain 1 wound based on how many points under 0 they fell, and they go back to 1HP.

If they fail then they get a last action, and last words.

In the dungeon players should roll up a new goblin so they can join the party immediately. If you want them to come back as a ghost or a zombie or something you can do that.

## Advantage in Combat

Characters can gain advantage in combat by attacking a target that is unaware, on lower ground, off balance, disarmed, distracted, or tactically disadvantaged in any significant way. The referee, as usual, has the final say.

When a character has advantage against an opponent on their combat turn, they may either A.) Apply advantage to their attack roll or stunt against that opponent or B.) Make an attack **and** a stunt attempt in the same round against that opponent, without advantage.

## Critical Hits and Quality

During an attack roll, if the attacker rolls a natural 20 or the defender rolls a natural 1,

### WOUNDS:

#### Damage:

1-3. broken bone

4-6. bleeding

7-8. internal injuries

10. lose an eye

11. lose a limb

12+. decapitation or otherwise instant death

if they succeed the save they gain 1 wound.

## Morale

Monsters and NPCs all have a morale rating, usually between 5 and 9. When they face more danger than they were expecting, the referee will make a **morale roll** by rolling 2d6 and comparing the result to the NPC's morale rating. If the roll is higher than the rating, the NPC will attempt to flee, retreat, or parley. Morale rolls can be triggered by defeating half of an enemy group, defeating a group's leader, or reducing a lone enemy to half HP. Other effects may trigger a morale roll at the referee's discretion.

Hirelings also make morale rolls when they aren't paid, their employer dies, or they face extraordinary danger. Morale may also be improved by paying hirelings more and treating them well.

## Healing

After a meal and a full night's rest, PCs regain lost hit points equal to a d8 plus their Constitution bonus. Resting at a safe haven restores all lost HP.

*Designer's Note: Constitution bonuses do not affect maximum hit points like in most OSR games, but it is a big help when it comes to healing.*

## Monsters

All monsters from OSR bestiaries should work as-is in Knave with no major conversion needed. Here are some guidelines.

**Hit Dice/Hit Points:** All monster hit dice can be assumed to be d8s unless otherwise specified. To get the monster's hit points, just multiply the number of hit dice they have by 4 (or 5 if you're feeling mean.)

**Armor:** Monster AC (if ascending) is identical to Armor defense. If the AC is descending, subtract it from 19 (if it is from OD&D or B/X D&D) or from 20 (if it is from AD&D) to find its ascending equivalent.

**Attack Bonus:** Any attack bonus given is unchanged, and can be added to both melee and ranged attacks. If an attack bonus is not given, assume that it is the same as the monster's number of hit dice.

**Damage:** Damage remains the same.

**Morale:** Morale rating remains the same.

**Saves:** Since OSR monsters usually don't come with ability scores, assume that monsters have ability bonuses equal to their level, with the corresponding ability defenses.

*Example: A typical 4 HD monster would have a bonus of +4 and a defense of 14 in all of its abilities by default, unless modified by the referee.*

*Designer's Note: Due to the unified 1-to-10 scale of Knave, monsters and NPCs essentially add their hit dice or level to any attacks or saves they make. Obviously this should be adjusted by the referee when it doesn't make sense.*

## Advancement

When you level up reroll your class' hit die and add that to your new total HP.

Also you can choose a 1 new class thingy (like get rage or sneak attack or +1 MD) from any class or improve one that you already have (like your sneak attacks now do 2d6 instead of 1d6).

You could also ask the GM if you could get like a new spellbook or some other kind of loot as your reward for reaching a new level and discuss with them how you might have found this item in your recent travels.

You can also find more class abilities and many more classes to steal from here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ratsonsticks>

# Magic

The spell lists from any old-school RPG will work perfectly well in Knave, provided that they go up to 9<sup>th</sup> level. There are many free lists of classic spells available online.

In Knave, PCs may only cast spells of their level or less, so a level 3 PC could only cast spells of level 0 to 3. Spells are cast out of spell books, which must be held in both hands and read aloud. Each spell book can only be used once per day. Importantly, each spell book only holds a single spell, and each spell book takes up an item slot, so if a PC wants to be able to cast a wide variety of spells, they'll have to fill most of their inventory with spell books.

*Designer's Note:* It's always seemed odd to me that spell levels don't correspond to PC level in most OSR games. Well, now they do. I also took the abstract notion of spell slots and turned them into something concrete; PCs can cast as many spells as they can physically carry. Boost Constitution if you want your PC to carry around that mobile library.

PCs are unable to create, copy or transcribe spell books. In order to gain new spell books, PCs must adventure for them, by either recovering them from dungeons or looting them from other magicians. The higher the level of the spell book, the rarer and more valuable it is. PCs openly carrying high level spell books are likely to be hounded by bandits and wizards looking to "acquire" them.

When a spell allows for a save, make an opposed Intelligence save against the defender's relevant ability, usually Dexterity for ranged attack spells, Constitution for life-draining spells, Intelligence for mind-altering spells, or Wisdom for Illusions.

*Designer's Note:* Note that spell books can be easily re-skinneed as rune stones, clay tablets, potions, scrolls, or whatever else fits your campaign. If you wanted a more dangerous, low-magic setting for example, you could make spell books potions or scrolls that are only used once and then lost forever. The random spell generator found in my other game, Maze Rats, can be useful for generating ideas for new spells.

## 100 Level-less Spells

If you prefer spells that are level-less and scale up as the caster becomes more powerful, use the list below. In the following spells, "L" is a number equal to the caster's level, an **item** is an object able to be lifted with one hand, and an **object** is anything up to human size. Unless otherwise noted, all spells with ongoing effects last up to L×10 minutes, and have a range of up to 40 feet. If a spell directly affects another creature, the creature may make a save to avoid it (as described previously). Success reduces or negates the spell's effects.

1. **Adhere:** Object is covered in extremely sticky slime.
2. **Animate Object:** Object obeys your commands as best it can. It can walk 15ft per round.
3. **Anthropomorphize:** A touched animal either gains human intelligence or human appearance for L days.
4. **Arcane Eye:** You can see through a magical floating eyeball that flies around at your command.
5. **Astral Prison:** An object is frozen in time and space within an invulnerable crystal shell.
6. **Attract:** L+1 objects are strongly magnetically attracted to each other if they come within 10 feet.
7. **Auditory Illusion:** You create illusory sounds that seem to come from a direction of your choice.
8. **Babble:** A creature must loudly and clearly repeat everything you think. It is otherwise mute.
9. **Beast Form:** You and your possessions transform into a mundane animal.
10. **Befuddle:** L creatures of your choice are unable to form new short-term memories for the duration of the spell.
11. **Bend Fate:** Roll L+1 d20s. Whenever you must roll a d20 after casting the spell, you must choose and then discard one of the rolled results until they are all gone.
12. **Bird Person:** Your arms turn into huge bird wings.
13. **Body Swap:** You switch bodies with a creature you touch. If one body dies, the other dies as well.
14. **Catherine:** A woman wearing a blue dress appears until end of spell. She will obey polite, safe requests.
15. **Charm:** L creatures treat you like a friend.
16. **Command:** A creature obeys a single, three-word command that does not harm it.
17. **Comprehend:** You become fluent in all languages.
18. **Control Plants:** Nearby plants and trees obey you and gain the ability to move at 5 feet per round.
19. **Control Weather:** You may alter the type of weather at will, but you do not otherwise control it.
20. **Counterspell:** Make an opposed Intelligence save against the Intelligence of the caster of a nearby spell. You may do this out of turn as a reaction, or against an ongoing magical effect. On a success, you may cancel the spell.
21. **Deafen:** All nearby creatures are deafened.
22. **Detect Magic:** You hear nearby magical auras singing. Volume and harmony signify the aura's power and refinement.
23. **Disassemble:** Any of your body parts may be detached and reattached at will, without causing pain or damage. You can still control them.
24. **Disguise:** You may alter the appearance of L characters at will as long as they remain humanoid. Attempts to duplicate other characters will seem uncanny.
25. **Displace:** An object appears to be up to L×10ft from its actual position.
26. **Earthquake:** The ground begins shaking violently. Structures may be damaged or collapse.
27. **Elasticity:** Your body can stretch up to L×10ft.
28. **Elemental Wall:** A straight wall of ice or fire L×40ft long and 10ft high rises from the ground.
29. **Filch:** L visible items teleport to your hands.
30. **Fog Cloud:** Dense fog spreads out from you.
31. **Frenzy:** L creatures erupt in a frenzy of violence.
32. **Gate:** A portal to a random plane opens.
33. **Gravity Shift:** You can change the direction of gravity (for yourself only) up to once per round.
34. **Greed:** L creatures develop an overwhelming urge to possess a visible item of your choice.
35. **Haste:** Your movement speed is tripled.
36. **Hatred:** L creatures develop a deep hatred of another creature or group of creatures and wish to destroy it.
37. **Hear Whispers:** You can hear faint sounds clearly.
38. **Hover:** An object hovers, frictionless, 2ft above the ground. It can hold up to L humanoids.
39. **Hypnotize:** A creature enters a trance and will truthfully answer L yes or no questions you ask it.
40. **Icy Touch:** A thick ice layer spreads across a touched surface, up to L×10ft in radius.
41. **Illuminate:** A floating light moves as you command.

42. **Increase Gravity:** The gravity in an area triples.
43. **Invisible Tether:** Two objects within 10ft of each other cannot be moved more than 10ft apart.
44. **Knock:** L nearby mundane or magical locks unlock.
45. **Leap:** You can jump up to L×10ft in the air.
46. **Liquid Air:** The air around you becomes swimmable.
47. **Magic Dampener:** All nearby magical effects have their effectiveness halved.
48. **Manse:** A sturdy, furnished cottage appears for L×12 hours. You can permit and forbid entry to it at will.
49. **Marble Madness:** Your pockets are full of marbles, and will refill every round.
50. **Masquerade:** L characters' appearances and voices become identical to a touched character.
51. **Minaturize:** You and L other touched creatures are reduced to the size of a mouse.
52. **Mirror Image:** L illusory duplicates of yourself appear under your control.
53. **Mirrorwalk:** A mirror becomes a gateway to another mirror that you looked into today.
54. **Multiarm:** You gain L extra arms.
55. **Night Sphere:** An L×40ft wide sphere of darkness displaying the night sky appears.
56. **Objectify:** You become any inanimate object between the size of a grand piano and an apple.
57. **Ooze Form:** You become a living jelly.
58. **Pacify:** L creatures have an aversion to violence.
59. **Phantom Coach:** A ghostly coach appears until end of spell. It moves unnaturally fast over any terrain, including water.
60. **Phobia:** L creatures become terrified of an object of your choice.
61. **Pit:** A pit 10ft wide and L×5ft deep opens in the ground.
62. **Primeval Surge:** An object grows to the size of an elephant. If it is an animal, it is enraged.
63. **Psychometry:** The referee answers L yes or no questions about a touched object.
64. **Pull:** An object of any size is pulled directly towards you with the strength of L men for one round.
65. **Push:** An object of any size is pushed directly away from you with the strength of L men for one round.
66. **Raise Dead:** L skeletons rise from the ground to serve you. They are incredibly stupid and can only obey simple orders.
67. **Raise Spirit:** The spirit of a dead body manifests and will answer L questions.
68. **Read Mind:** You can hear the surface thoughts of nearby creatures.
69. **Repel:** L+1 objects are strongly magnetically repelled from each other if they come within 10 feet.
70. **Scry:** You can see through the eyes of a creature you touched earlier today.
71. **Sculpt Elements:** All inanimate material behaves like clay in your hands.
72. **Shroud:** L creatures are invisible until they move.
73. **Shuffle:** L creatures instantly switch places. Determine where they end up randomly.
74. **Sleep:** L creatures fall into a light sleep.
75. **Smoke Form:** Your body becomes living smoke.
76. **Snail Knight:** 10 minutes after casting, a knight sitting astride a giant snail rides into view. He is able to answer most questions related to quests and chivalry, and may aid you if he finds you worthy.
77. **Sniff:** You can smell even the faintest traces of scents.
78. **Sort:** Inanimate items sort themselves according to categories you set. The categories must be visually verifiable.
79. **Spectacle:** A clearly unreal but impressive illusion of your choice appears, under your control. It may be up to the size of a palace and has full motion and sound.
80. **Spellseize:** Cast this as a reaction to another spell going off to make a temporary copy of it that you can cast at any time before this spell ends.
81. **Spider Climb:** You can climb surfaces like a spider.
82. **Summon Cube:** Once per second, (6 times per round) you may summon or banish a 3-foot-wide cube of earth. New cubes must be affixed to the earth or to other cubes.
83. **Swarm:** You become a swarm of crows, rats, or piranhas. You only take damage from area effects.
84. **Telekinesis:** You may mentally move L items.
85. **Telepathy:** L+1 creatures can hear each other's thoughts, no matter how far apart they move.
86. **Teleport:** An object disappears and reappears on the ground in a visible, clear area up to L×40ft away.
87. **Thaumaturgic Anchor:** Object becomes the target of every spell cast near it.
88. **Thicket:** A thicket of trees and dense brush up to L×40ft wide suddenly sprouts up.
89. **Time Jump:** An object disappears as it jumps L×10 minutes into the future. When it returns, it appears in the unoccupied area nearest to where it left.
90. **Summon Idol:** A carved stone statue the size of a four poster bed rises from the ground.
91. **Time Rush:** Time in a 40ft bubble starts moving 10 times faster.
92. **Time Slow:** Time in a 40ft bubble slows to 10%.
93. **True Sight:** You see through all nearby illusions.
94. **Upwell:** A spring of seawater appears.
95. **Vision:** You completely control what a creature sees.
96. **Visual Illusion:** A silent, immobile, illusion of your choice appears, up to the size of a bedroom.
97. **Ward:** A silver circle 40ft across appears on the ground. Choose one thing that cannot cross it: Living creatures, dead creatures, projectiles or metal.
98. **Web:** Your wrists can shoot thick webbing.
99. **Wizard Mark:** Your finger can shoot a stream of ulfire-colored paint. This paint is only visible to you, and can be seen at any distance, even through solid objects.
100. **X-Ray Vision:** You gain X-Ray vision.

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