

Tarot card meanings: the Major Arcana

▲ upright ▼ reversed

MAJOR ARCANA · 0 - X

	0 The Fool YES	▲ beginnings, leap of faith, innocence ▼ recklessness, hesitation, naivety
	I The Magician YES	▲ will, manifestation, resourcefulness ▼ manipulation, untapped talent, scattered focus
	II The High Priestess UNCLEAR	▲ intuition, the unspoken, inner knowing ▼ secrets kept too long, ignored instinct, surface reading
	III The Empress YES	▲ abundance, nurture, creation ▼ smothering, creative block, neglecting yourself
	IV The Emperor YES	▲ structure, authority, boundaries ▼ rigidity, domination, absent leadership
	V The Hierophant UNCLEAR	▲ tradition, teaching, shared belief ▼ dogma, breaking with convention, hollow ritual
	VI The Lovers YES	▲ choice, union, values ▼ misalignment, avoidance, choosing badly
	VII The Chariot YES	▲ drive, control, victory ▼ scattered effort, losing the reins, aggression
	VIII Strength YES	▲ patience, courage, gentle control ▼ self-doubt, forcing it, depleted
	IX The Hermit NO	▲ withdrawal, search, inner guidance ▼ isolation, refusing help, lost
	X Wheel of Fortune YES	▲ turning point, cycles, luck ▼ resistance, bad timing, repeating the loop

MAJOR ARCANA · XI - XXI

	XI Justice UNCLEAR	▲ consequence, truth, fairness ▼ imbalance, avoiding accountability, unfairness
	XII The Hanged Man NO	▲ suspension, new perspective, surrender ▼ stalling, pointless sacrifice, stuck
	XIII Death NO	▲ ending, transformation, clearing ▼ clinging, stalled change, fear of letting go
	XIV Temperance YES	▲ balance, patience, blending ▼ excess, impatience, clashing needs
	XV The Devil NO	▲ attachment, dependency, the trap you chose ▼ breaking free, seeing the chain, release
	XVI The Tower NO	▲ sudden collapse, revelation, forced change ▼ delayed collapse, averted disaster, clinging to ruins
	XVII The Star YES	▲ hope, renewal, clarity after damage ▼ lost faith, discouragement, self-doubt
	XVIII The Moon NO	▲ illusion, anxiety, the unclear ▼ clarity returning, fear released, truth surfacing
	XIX The Sun YES	▲ clarity, success, vitality ▼ temporary dimming, delayed joy, forced optimism
	XX Judgement YES	▲ reckoning, awakening, calling ▼ self-criticism, ignoring the call, avoiding review
	XXI The World YES	▲ completion, wholeness, arrival ▼ unfinished, delayed closure, loose ends

HOW TO READ THIS SHEET

▲ upright keywords: how the card is read when it lands upright
 ▼ reversed keywords: the same card upside down
Yes / No / Unclear – how the card answers a yes-or-no question when it lands upright. Numbers: 0-XXI for the Major Arcana; A (Ace), 2-10, then P, Kn, Q, K for the court.

THE FOUR SUITS

Wands	FIRE	action, drive and creative energy
Cups	WATER	emotion, relationship and intuition
Swords	AIR	thought, conflict and truth
Pentacles	EARTH	money, work and the material world

Tarot card meanings: Wands and Cups

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WANDS · FIRE

action, drive and creative energy

	A Ace of Wands YES
▲ spark, new energy, impulse	▼ false start, delay, lost drive
	2 Two of Wands YES
▲ planning, the wider world, decision	▼ playing safe, fear of leaving, poor planning
	3 Three of Wands YES
▲ expansion, foresight, ships coming in	▼ delays, narrow thinking, waiting badly
	4 Four of Wands YES
▲ celebration, home, milestone	▼ postponed joy, instability, tension at home
	5 Five of Wands NO
▲ friction, competition, clashing	▼ avoiding conflict, resolution, inner tension
	6 Six of Wands YES
▲ recognition, victory, confidence	▼ private win, ego, unrecognised effort
	7 Seven of Wands UNCLEAR
▲ defending, standing ground, challenge	▼ overwhelmed, giving up ground, defensiveness
	8 Eight of Wands YES
▲ speed, news, everything at once	▼ delay, scattered, held up
	9 Nine of Wands UNCLEAR
▲ resilience, last stand, wariness	▼ exhaustion, paranoia, giving in
	10 Ten of Wands NO
▲ burden, overload, carrying it alone	▼ putting it down, delegating, collapse
	P Page of Wands YES
▲ curiosity, beginner's energy, message	▼ restlessness, unfocused, bad news
	Kn Knight of Wands YES
▲ action, boldness, charge	▼ recklessness, burnout, all talk
	Q Queen of Wands YES
▲ warmth, confidence, magnetism	▼ insecurity, jealousy, withdrawn
	K King of Wands YES
▲ vision, leadership, conviction	▼ arrogance, domineering, empty ambition

CUPS · WATER

emotion, relationship and intuition

	A Ace of Cups YES
▲ new feeling, openness, overflow	▼ blocked emotion, held back, emptiness
	2 Two of Cups YES
▲ mutual attraction, partnership, equal exchange	▼ imbalance, disconnect, one-sided
	3 Three of Cups YES
▲ friendship, celebration, community	▼ isolation, gossip, third party
	4 Four of Cups NO
▲ apathy, missed offer, withdrawal	▼ re-engagement, accepting, waking up
	5 Five of Cups NO
▲ grief, loss, what remains	▼ acceptance, moving on, forgiveness
	6 Six of Cups YES
▲ nostalgia, innocence, the past returning	▼ stuck in memory, idealising, letting go
	7 Seven of Cups NO
▲ too many options, fantasy, unclear choice	▼ clarity, deciding, disillusion
	8 Eight of Cups NO
▲ walking away, search for meaning, deliberate exit	▼ staying too long, drifting back, fear of leaving
	9 Nine of Cups YES
▲ satisfaction, wish granted, contentment	▼ smugness, hollow win, wanting more
	10 Ten of Cups YES
▲ harmony, family, lasting happiness	▼ strained bonds, picture-perfect only, disconnection
	P Page of Cups YES
▲ tenderness, creative spark, a message of feeling	▼ immaturity, moodiness, guarded
	Kn Knight of Cups YES
▲ romance, the offer, idealism	▼ empty charm, moody, unrealistic
	Q Queen of Cups YES
▲ empathy, intuition, emotional depth	▼ overwhelm, martyrdom, emotional leaking
	K King of Cups YES
▲ emotional control, counsel, steadiness	▼ suppression, manipulation, volatility

Tarot card meanings: Swords and Pentacles

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SWORDS · AIR

thought, conflict and truth

	A Ace of Swords	YES
▲ clarity, truth, breakthrough	▼ confusion, misused truth, clouded	
	2 Two of Swords	NO
▲ stalemate, avoidance, blindfolded choice	▼ decision made, information arriving, release	
	3 Three of Swords	NO
▲ heartbreak, painful truth, rupture	▼ healing, releasing pain, forgiveness	
	4 Four of Swords	UNCLEAR
▲ rest, recovery, pause	▼ burnout, restlessness, forced back	
	5 Five of Swords	NO
▲ hollow victory, conflict cost, winning badly	▼ making amends, walking away, regret	
	6 Six of Swords	YES
▲ transition, moving on, calmer water	▼ unable to leave, carrying it along, return	
	7 Seven of Swords	NO
▲ deception, strategy, acting alone	▼ coming clean, caught, self-deception	
	8 Eight of Swords	NO
▲ feeling trapped, self-imposed limits, paralysis	▼ seeing the way out, release, new perspective	
	9 Nine of Swords	NO
▲ anxiety, sleepless nights, dread	▼ relief, facing it, help arriving	
	10 Ten of Swords	NO
▲ rock bottom, definite ending, the worst done	▼ recovery, surviving, slow return	
	P Page of Swords	UNCLEAR
▲ curiosity, watchfulness, new ideas	▼ gossip, scattered thinking, suspicion	
	Kn Knight of Swords	YES
▲ decisive action, directness, speed	▼ rashness, aggression, no follow-through	
	Q Queen of Swords	YES
▲ clear judgement, honesty, independence	▼ coldness, bitterness, harsh words	
	K King of Swords	YES
▲ authority, logic, judgement	▼ cold rule, manipulation, rigid thinking	

PENTACLES · EARTH

money, work and the material world

	A Ace of Pentacles	YES
▲ opportunity, new resource, solid start	▼ missed chance, poor timing, shaky foundation	
	2 Two of Pentacles	UNCLEAR
▲ juggling, adaptability, balance	▼ dropping something, overcommitted, disorganised	
	3 Three of Pentacles	YES
▲ craft, collaboration, recognised skill	▼ poor teamwork, unrecognised, sloppy work	
	4 Four of Pentacles	UNCLEAR
▲ holding on, security, control	▼ letting go, generosity, loss of grip	
	5 Five of Pentacles	NO
▲ hardship, exclusion, lack	▼ recovery, help accepted, coming inside	
	6 Six of Pentacles	YES
▲ generosity, give and take, fair exchange	▼ strings attached, imbalance, dependency	
	7 Seven of Pentacles	UNCLEAR
▲ patience, assessment, slow growth	▼ impatience, wasted effort, poor return	
	8 Eight of Pentacles	YES
▲ diligence, practice, mastery in progress	▼ going through the motions, perfectionism, cutting corners	
	9 Nine of Pentacles	YES
▲ independence, earned comfort, self-sufficiency	▼ dependence, hollow luxury, overwork	
	10 Ten of Pentacles	YES
▲ legacy, family wealth, lasting structure	▼ family friction, short-term thinking, unstable legacy	
	P Page of Pentacles	YES
▲ studying, new venture, practical curiosity	▼ procrastination, unfocused, wasted potential	
	Kn Knight of Pentacles	YES
▲ reliability, method, slow progress	▼ stagnation, stubbornness, boredom	
	Q Queen of Pentacles	YES
▲ practical care, resourcefulness, grounded	▼ self-neglect, smothering, material worry	
	K King of Pentacles	YES
▲ material mastery, provision, established success	▼ greed, rigidity, status obsession	