



## Tarot Meanings Reference Guide

Use this guide as a quick reference to each of the tarot card meanings. The cards are all displayed upright, reflecting the upright meaning. If a card comes up reversed, know that the meaning reflects the opposite or shadow side of the personality or situation. To learn more, visit our comprehensive [Tarot Guide for beginners](#) or speak to one of our many highly qualified [tarot readers](#).

### The Major Arcana

The tarot has 22 different main archetypes that can indicate a personality type or phase of life. These defining attributes are neither fully transient nor fixed, as they can evolve over time.



**0: The Fool** – Someone at the beginning of a journey or life. They're wide eyed, adventurous, and ready to jump into life. The fool jumps in blindly without knowledge of where they will land which can be an incredibly positive or risky/dangerous trait.



**1: The Magician** – The master of all the elements, the magician knows how to use what he needs to affect the desired outcome and change his life and circumstance.



**2: The High Priestess** – The holder of all spiritual knowledge, secrets and mysteries. In a past life, she may have been a wise woman, priestess, or witch.



**3: The Empress** – Represents a nurturing mother. The Empress can also indicate Mother Nature, a Divine feminine figure, or a strong female leader.



**4: The Emperor** – Represents the Divine masculine, a protector and provider. He is a father-figure who brings order to the chaos and prosperity.



**5: The Hierophant** – A Patriarch or Matriarch. The Hierophant wants to uphold tradition in family, society, and religion. Stiff and unbending, they are often the authority of the family or government.



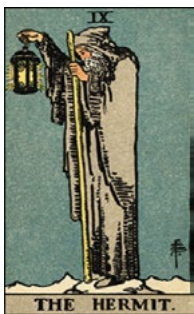
**6: The Lovers** – The original meaning represented choosing between two possible conflicts and exercising free will. It can also indicate partnerships that aren't romantic in nature resulting in a harmonious union.



**7: The Chariot** – Indicating movement, purpose, and travel, the Chariot represents going forward with will. It is about controlling the forces/energies and directing them through steady control and proficiency.



**8: Strength** – This card depicts a woman who, through her gentle and commanding touch, can control the impulses of a wild, fierce beast. It is an indicator of an inner strength and courage.



**9: The Hermit** – A spiritual seeker who has withdrawn from the world, the hermit is a wise teacher - not easy to find, but worth the journey.



**10: Wheel of Fortune** – Also called the Wheel of Karma, this card reminds you that what you sow is what you reap. Your fate and destiny may be both positive and negative based on generational and ancestral karma.



**11: Justice** – This card is indicative of Divine justice and karma. It reminds us that justice cuts both ways like the saying “Live by the sword, die by the sword.”



**12: The Hanged Man** – The Hanged Man is about taking time to watch, learn, listen, and choose to see life from a different perspective.



**13: Death** – This card is a reminder that all transitions require an ending and a beginning. It represents the end of a phase or chapter, or the literal ending of an aspect of the self.



**14: Temperance** – Is all about balance, as depicted in the Zodiac Sign of Libra (the scales), and includes being even tempered, moderate, or self-controlled despite the circumstances.



**15: The Devil** – The Devil card represents our shadow nature and the dark side of our self. It is a wake-up call to examine bad habits, addictions, or anything negative that you give too much time or energy to.



**16: The Tower** – Depicts dramatic destruction beyond repair, or even an imploding relationship where the foundation was never that strong initially. Also symbolizes the shock of something unexpected being revealed.



**17: The Star** – When you wish upon a star, your hopes, dreams, and heart's desire may come true. The Star represents guidance, inspiration, and your muse.



**18: The Moon** – The Moon represents the unconscious mind, the occult, esoteric mysteries, and secrets all with divine feminine energy.



**19: The Sun** – Like the morning sunrise, the sun card is a good omen of positive things to come. The warming rays of the sun represent action, awareness, renewal, and rebirth.



**20: Judgement** – When the Judgment card is pulled it can mean forgiveness, resurrection, and reckoning. It reminds us of spiritual laws and that actions have karmic consequences.



**21: The World** – The final card in the Major Arcana is about the continuous cycle of life and rebirth. It signifies the ending one phase and beginning another.



## The Minor Arcana

Each of the four suits of the Minor Arcana is denoted with a symbol: **swords, pentacles, wands and cups**. Each suit has an elemental correspondence that reflects the mental, material, emotional, and situational circumstances and responses that affect everyone from time to time. Unlike the Major Arcana, **the minor arcana card meanings indicate a temporary or fleeting feeling or circumstance.**



### Swords

*Air* | Thoughts and Mental Energy

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**ACE:** Drastic/New Change of Thought

**TWO:** Confusion

**THREE:** Pondering

**FOUR:** Self-Obsession

**FIVE:** Destitution

**SIX:** Generosity

**SEVEN:** Contemplation

**EIGHT:** Interference

**NINE:** Prosperity

**TEN:** Wisdom

**PAGE:** Agreeing Friend

**KNIGHT:** Intellectual Advancement

**QUEEN:** Settling Mind

**KING:** Material Prominence



## **Pentacles**

*Earth* | Materialism, Money and Earthly Matters

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**ACE:** Drastic/New Material Change

**TWO:** Ambition

**THREE:** Obsolete

**FOUR:** Celebration

**FIVE:** Calamity

**SIX:** Success

**SEVEN:** Competition

**EIGHT:** Obstacles

**NINE:** Recovery

**TEN:** Strain

**PAGE:** Helpful Friend

**KNIGHT:** Material Advancement

**QUEEN:** Settling with Possessions

**KING:** Material Wealth



## Wands

*Fire* | Action and Force of Intention,  
Will, Energy

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**ACE:** Drastic/New Change of Action

**TWO:** Crossroads

**THREE:** Separation

**FOUR:** Commemoration

**FIVE:** Desertion

**SIX:** Loss

**SEVEN:** Betrayal

**EIGHT:** Victim

**NINE:** Anguish

**TEN:** Defeat, Ruin

**PAGE:** Agreeing Friend

**KNIGHT:** Intellectual Advancement

**QUEEN:** Settling Mind

**KING:** Material Prominence





## Cups

*Water* | Emotions, Love and How Things Feel

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**ACE:** New Beginning / Change of Feelings

**TWO:** Bond, Love, Partnership

**THREE:** Celebration

**FOUR:** Melancholia - Let Down

**FIVE:** Despair, Depression

**SIX:** Happiness

**SEVEN:** Temptation

**EIGHT:** Disgust

**NINE:** Gluttony, Overindulgence

**TEN:** Bliss

**PAGE:** Comforting Friend

**KNIGHT:** Emotional Advancement

**QUEEN:** Settling Emotion

**KING:** Emotional Restraint



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