



Mythological Creatures Field Guide

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Mythological Creatures Battle Cards

A card game for 2 to 6 players, A4

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- Blank cards for a child's own creature are in the Design your own mythological creature pack.



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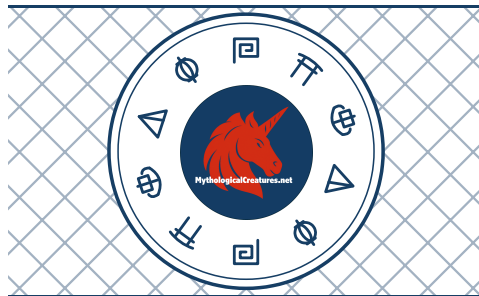
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Then print pages 5 to 12 double-sided: four sheets of nine cards. The rules are card 36.



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 Greek

Έχιδνα

**Echidna**

1 / 35

Say it eh-KID-nah

 Danger	5					
 Magic	3					
 Power	4					
 Speed	2					
 Size	3					
 Spooky	5					

The Mother of All Monsters

 Greek

Κύκλωψ

**Cyclops**

2 / 35

Say it SY-klops

 Danger	4					
 Magic	2					
 Power	5					
 Speed	2					
 Size	5					
 Spooky	3					

The One-Eyed Giant of the Sea

 Greek

Μέδουσα

**Medusa**

3 / 35

Say it meh-D00-sah

 Danger	5					
 Magic	4					
 Power	3					
 Speed	2					
 Size	2					
 Spooky	5					

The Snake-Haired Gorgon

 Greek

Χίμαιρα

**Chimera**

4 / 35

Say it ky-MEER-uh

 Danger	4					
 Magic	2					
 Power	4					
 Speed	3					
 Size	3					
 Spooky	4					

The Fire-Breathing Triple Terror

 Greek

Μινώταυρος

**Minotaur**

5 / 35

Say it MIN-oh-tor

 Danger	4					
 Magic	1					
 Power	4					
 Speed	3					
 Size	3					
 Spooky	4					

The Beast in the Maze

 Greek

Σειρήνες

**Sirens**

6 / 35

Say it sye-REE-neeZ

 Danger	4					
 Magic	5					
 Power	2					
 Speed	2					
 Size	2					
 Spooky	4					

Voices That Lure Ships to Ruin

 Greek

Πήγασος

**Pegasus**

7 / 35

Say it PEG-uh-sus

 Danger	1					
 Magic	3					
 Power	4					
 Speed	5					
 Size	3					
 Spooky	1					

The Winged Horse of the Gods

 Japanese

鬼

**Oni**

8 / 35

Say it OH-nee

 Danger	5					
 Magic	3					
 Power	5					
 Speed	3					
 Size	3					
 Spooky	4					

Japan's Mightiest Demon

 Japanese

天狗

**Tengu**

9 / 35

Say it TEN-goo

 Danger	4	
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卍 Japanese

絡新婦

**Jorogumo**

10 / 35

Say it JOH-roh-GOO-moh

⚠ Danger	4	●	●	●	●	○
✨ Magic	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Power	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	3	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	2	●	○	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	5	●	●	●	●	●

Where Beauty Becomes the Trap

卍 Japanese

鵺

**Nue**

11 / 35

Say it NOO-eh

⚠ Danger	4	●	●	●	●	○
✨ Magic	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Power	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	3	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	3	●	●	●	○	○
👻 Spooky	5	●	●	●	●	●

The Dark Chimera of the Night Sky

卍 Japanese

雪女

**Yuki-onna**

12 / 35

Say it YOO-kee OH-nah

⚠ Danger	4	●	●	●	●	○
✨ Magic	5	●	●	●	●	●
⚡ Power	1	○	○	○	○	○
⚡ Speed	3	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	2	●	○	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	5	●	●	●	●	●

The Frozen Phantom of the Storm

卍 Japanese

狐

**Kitsune**

13 / 35

Say it kit-SOO-neh

⚠ Danger	4	●	●	●	●	○
✨ Magic	5	●	●	●	●	●
⚡ Power	2	○	○	○	○	○
⚡ Speed	4	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	2	○	○	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	3	●	●	○	○	○

The Shape-Shifting Fox Spirit

卍 Japanese

鎌鼬

**Kamaitachi**

14 / 35

Say it kah-MY-tah-chee

⚠ Danger	3	●	●	●	○	○
✨ Magic	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Power	2	○	○	○	○	○
⚡ Speed	5	●	●	●	●	●
📏 Size	1	○	○	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	3	●	●	○	○	○

The Invisible Sickle Weasel

⚔ Norse

Fenrir

**Fenrir**

15 / 35

Say it FEN-reer

⚠ Danger	5	●	●	●	●	○
✨ Magic	2	○	○	○	○	○
⚡ Power	5	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Speed	4	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	5	●	●	●	●	○
👻 Spooky	5	●	●	●	●	○

The Unchained Wolf of Ragnarok

⚔ Norse

Hraesvelgr

**Hraesvelgr**

16 / 35

Say it HRACE-vel-gur

⚠ Danger	3	●	●	●	○	○
✨ Magic	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Power	4	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	3	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	5	●	●	●	●	○
👻 Spooky	3	●	●	○	○	○

The Wind-Maker at World's End

⚔ Norse

Hildir

**Hildir**

17 / 35

Say it HILL-dur

⚠ Danger	3	●	●	●	○	○
✨ Magic	5	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Power	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	4	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	2	○	○	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	4	●	●	●	○	○

Raiser of the Eternal Battle

⚔ Norse

Hrungnir

**Hrungnir**

18 / 35

Say it HROONG-nir

⚠ Danger	4	●	●	●	○	○
✨ Magic	1	○	○	○	○	○
⚡ Power	5	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	2	○	○	○	○	○
📏 Size	5	●	●	●	○	○
👻 Spooky	3	●	●	○	○	○

The Mightiest Giant of Stone



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Norse

TROTT

**Troll**

19 / 35

Say it TROHL

⚠ Danger	4	●	●	●	●	○
✨ Magic	2	●	●	○	○	○
⚡ Power	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Speed	2	●	●	○	○	○
📏 Size	4	●	●	●	●	○
👻 Spooky	3	●	●	●	○	○

Bark-Skinned Terror of the Mountains

Norse

SIXRNT

**Sigrun**

20 / 35

Say it SIG-roon

⚠ Danger	3	●	●	●	○	○
✨ Magic	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Power	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	4	●	●	●	●	○
📏 Size	2	●	●	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	3	●	●	●	○	○

The Victory Rune Valkyrie

Norse

MRFNXR

**Draugr**

21 / 35

Say it DROW-gr

⚠ Danger	4	●	●	●	●	○
✨ Magic	2	●	●	○	○	○
⚡ Power	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Speed	1	●	○	○	○	○
📏 Size	2	●	●	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	5	●	●	●	●	●

The Undead Guardian of the Grave

Egyptian

**Ammit**

22 / 35

Say it AH-mit

⚠ Danger	5	●	●	●	●	●
✨ Magic	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Power	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Speed	2	●	●	○	○	○
📏 Size	3	●	●	●	○	○
👻 Spooky	5	●	●	●	●	●

She Eats the Hearts of the Wicked

Egyptian

**Horus**

23 / 35

Say it HOR-us

⚠ Danger	4	●	●	●	●	○
✨ Magic	5	●	●	●	●	●
⚡ Power	5	●	●	●	●	●
⚡ Speed	5	●	●	●	●	●
📏 Size	2	●	●	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	2	●	●	○	○	○

The Falcon-Headed Avenger King

Egyptian

**Anubis**

24 / 35

Say it ah-NOO-bis

⚠ Danger	3	●	●	●	○	○
✨ Magic	5	●	●	●	●	●
⚡ Power	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Speed	3	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	2	●	●	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	4	●	●	●	●	○

The God Who Guards the Fallen

Egyptian

**Khepri**

25 / 35

Say it KEP-ree

⚠ Danger	2	●	●	○	○	○
✨ Magic	5	●	●	●	●	●
⚡ Power	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Speed	3	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	3	●	●	●	○	○
👻 Spooky	2	●	●	○	○	○

The Scarab Who Rolls the Sun

Egyptian

**Serpopard**

26 / 35

Say it SUR-poh-pard

⚠ Danger	3	●	●	●	○	○
✨ Magic	1	●	○	○	○	○
⚡ Power	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	4	●	●	●	●	○
📏 Size	3	●	●	●	○	○
👻 Spooky	3	●	●	●	○	○

The Long-Necked Terror of the Nile

Egyptian

**Khnum**

27 / 35

Say it k-NOOM

⚠ Danger	2	●	●	○	○	○
✨ Magic	5	●	●	●	●	●
⚡ Power	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Speed	1	●	○	○	○	○
📏 Size	3	●	●	●	○	○
👻 Spooky	2	●	●	○	○	○

The Divine Potter of the Nile



Egyptian

**Bastet**

28 / 35

Say it BAH-stet

⚠ Danger	2	●	●	○	○	○
✨ Magic	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Power	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	4	●	●	●	●	○
📏 Size	2	●	○	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	1	●	○	○	○	○

The Fierce and Gentle Cat Goddess

Chinese

龍 / 龙

**Chinese Dragon**

29 / 35

Say it Loong (rhymes with 'long')

⚠ Danger	3	●	●	●	○	○
✨ Magic	5	●	●	●	●	●
⚡ Power	5	●	●	●	●	●
⚡ Speed	4	●	●	●	●	○
📏 Size	5	●	●	●	●	●
👻 Spooky	2	●	○	○	○	○

The Imperial Serpent of Heaven

Chinese

殭屍

**Jiangshi**

30 / 35

Say it jyang-SHEE

⚠ Danger	4	●	●	●	●	○
✨ Magic	2	●	○	○	○	○
⚡ Power	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	2	●	○	○	○	○
📏 Size	2	●	○	○	○	○
👻 Spooky	5	●	●	●	●	●

The Hopping Vampire of China

Chinese

年兽

**Nian**

31 / 35

Say it nyen-SHOH

⚠ Danger	4	●	●	●	●	○
✨ Magic	1	●	○	○	○	○
⚡ Power	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Speed	3	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	4	●	●	●	●	○
👻 Spooky	4	●	●	●	●	○

The Beast That Ate the Year

Chinese

鳳凰

**Fenghuang**

32 / 35

Say it fung-hwong

⚠ Danger	1	●	○	○	○	○
✨ Magic	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Power	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Speed	5	●	●	●	●	●
📏 Size	4	●	●	●	●	○
👻 Spooky	1	●	○	○	○	○

The Phoenix Queen of Heaven

Chinese

牛頭馬面

**Ox-Head and Horse-Face**

33 / 35

Say it nyoh-TOH mah-MYEN

⚠ Danger	3	●	●	●	○	○
✨ Magic	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Power	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	3	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	3	●	●	●	○	○
👻 Spooky	5	●	●	●	●	●

The Demon Escorts of the Dead

Chinese

麒麟

**Qilin**

34 / 35

Say it chee-LIN

⚠ Danger	1	●	○	○	○	○
✨ Magic	4	●	●	●	●	○
⚡ Power	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	4	●	●	●	●	○
📏 Size	3	●	●	●	○	○
👻 Spooky	2	●	○	○	○	○

The Gentle Omen of Sages

Chinese

白澤

**Bai Ze**

35 / 35

Say it BYE-zuh

⚠ Danger	1	●	○	○	○	○
✨ Magic	5	●	●	●	●	●
⚡ Power	3	●	●	●	○	○
⚡ Speed	3	●	●	●	○	○
📏 Size	3	●	●	●	○	○
👻 Spooky	2	●	○	○	○	○

The Sage Who Names Every Spirit

How to play

- 1 Share all the cards out face down. Look only at your top card.
- 2 The first player picks a stat and reads out its number.
- 3 Everyone reads out the same stat. The highest number wins all the top cards. Put them at the bottom of your pile.
- 4 A draw? Put the cards in the middle. The next winner takes them too.
- 5 The winner picks the next stat. Run out of cards and you are out. Collect every card to win.

For 2 to 6 players, ages 7 and up.

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Mythological Creatures Battle Cards. Not for pupils.

Every rating is the book's own. None was changed to balance the game. Instead, the 35 creatures were chosen so that every card wins between about a third and three quarters of its rounds.

Before you print

- Print pages 3 and 4 of this file first. They check that your printer lines the backs up with the fronts.
- Use 160 gsm card for double-sided printing, or 300 gsm printed on one side. Print at actual size, not "fit to page".
- One deck is four sheets of nine cards. The cards touch edge to edge, so a guillotine cuts a whole row at once: cut on the crop marks.
- The back's pattern is symmetrical, so either double-sided flip setting works.

Running it with a whole class

- Play in groups of 2 to 6, with one deck per group. A class of 30 needs five or six decks.
- Children read out the number on the card, not the dots.
- With two players, about a quarter of rounds end in a draw, and more with more players. The draw rule is in bold on the rules card.
- Each card shows its culture's colour, symbol and name, so a team of seven is easy to spot. The checklist on page 2 lists all 35 by team.

How to play (card 36)

1. Share all the cards out face down. Look only at your top card.
2. The first player picks a stat and reads out its number.
3. Everyone reads out the same stat. The highest number wins all the top cards. Put them at the bottom of your pile.
4. **A draw? Put the cards in the middle. The next winner takes them too.**
5. The winner picks the next stat. Run out of cards and you are out. Collect every card to win.

For 2 to 6 players, ages 7 and up.

Where the ratings come from

Each card's six ratings, its name in the original script, how to say it and its tagline come from that creature's pages in the *Mythological Creatures Field Guide* books. The ratings run from 1 to 5, always in the same order: Danger, Magic, Power, Speed, Size, Spooky.

"Say it" shows how to say the card's name. Two cards give the Chinese name to say instead, as the book does: the Chinese Dragon (Loong) and Ox-Head and Horse-Face (nyoh-TOH mah-MYEN).

Card 26, the Serpopard: * Our own hieroglyph. The ancient carvings carry no name.

Make your own

A child's own creature can join the game. The blank cards print nine to a sheet with the same back as this deck, and are in the *Design your own mythological creature* pack, which also plans the creature and its six ratings.



Teacher notes

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Card checklist

Tick each card as it comes off the guillotine, or use it to check a deck at the end of a lesson.

🏛 Greek cards 1 to 7	🏯 Japanese cards 8 to 14	🏰 Norse cards 15 to 21
☐ 1 Echidna	☐ 8 Oni	☐ 15 Fenrir
☐ 2 Cyclops	☐ 9 Tengu	☐ 16 Hraesvelgr
☐ 3 Medusa	☐ 10 Jorogumo	☐ 17 Hildir
☐ 4 Chimera	☐ 11 Nue	☐ 18 Hrungnir
☐ 5 Minotaur	☐ 12 Yuki-onna	☐ 19 Troll
☐ 6 Sirens	☐ 13 Kitsune	☐ 20 Sigrun
☐ 7 Pegasus	☐ 14 Kamaitachi	☐ 21 Draugr
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☐ 24 Anubis	☐ 31 Nian	
☐ 25 Khepri	☐ 32 Fenghuang	
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☐ 27 Khnum	☐ 34 Qilin	
☐ 28 Bastet	☐ 35 Bai Ze	

Curriculum links

England

KS2 English work on myths and legends from a range of cultures, with children comparing and ordering the six ratings as they play.

Australia

Years 3 to 7 English, Literacy and Literature strands: contributing to a discussion, and forming and justifying an opinion while playing.

United States

No Common Core standard is claimed for the card game.

Curriculum links for England, Australia and the United States:

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