The Mostly Useless Grimoire

Spells to Insert Humor into Your D&D Adventure
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The Mostly Useless Grimoire is a compilation of spells for 1st level characters that are intended to insert some humor into your D&D adventure. Not all the spells listed may be the most useful, but they should all make your adventure more interesting and fun, whether it’s a part of a player’s spellbook or a scroll that your party finds.

Spell List

The following spell list shows which new spells are available for each class.

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1st Level
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Rainbow Bridge
Time Warp
Trampoline
Turn Green Objects Transparent

Spell Descriptions

The spells are presented in alphabetical order.

A TALKING DOG?!
1st Level conjuration
Casting Time: 1 action
Range: 60 feet
Components: V, S
Duration: 1 day

You create a sunglasses wearing golden retriever that can speak common and makes dog related puns. This is all the dog can do. If you command the dog to do something such as pick an object up, it will just respond with a one liner such as “That would be too ruff for me.”

Costanza's Endless Jingle
1st Level conjuration
Casting Time: 1 action
Range: Touch
Components: V, S
Duration: 1 week

You place your name in the target’s head as a catchy jingle. The Caster's name is stuck in the head of target and they will have a more favorable opinion of the caster for the next week after the end of the day.

Detect Awkwardness
1st Level abjuration
Casting Time: 1 action
Range: 30 feet around caster
Components: V, S
Duration: 1 hour

For the duration, you can sense the presence of all NPCs that absolutely do not want to be in a conversation with you. This does not detect NPCs that are hostile or afraid of you, only those that think you are socially inept and would rather spend their time doing something else.

The spell can penetrate most barriers but is blocked by one foot of stone or any metal, or lead.

Double Edged Spell of Unlocking
1st Level transmutation
Casting Time: 1 action
Range: 60 Feet
Components: V, S
Duration: Instantaneous

Upon touch, any basic lock on a door, chest, or any other object becomes unlocked. However, there is a 25% chance of a magic missile trap secretly being added to the object. The trap does 1d4+1 damage.
**Duct Tape**  
*1st Level conjuration*  
**Casting Time:** 1 action  
**Range:** Touch  
**Components:** V, S  
**Duration:** Concentration, up to 10 minutes

Upon touch, two objects being held by player that are touching each other are now stuck together for the duration of the spell. Only objects that can be carried by the caster can be duct taped together.

**Glitter Bomb**  
*1st Level evocation*  
**Casting Time:** 1 action  
**Range:** 120 Feet  
**Components:** V, S  
**Duration:** 1 hour

You create a ball of glitter that explodes on impact of its target. The target sparkles, making any invisible creature visible. Additionally, any target hit by a glitter bomb leaves a trail of glitter behind them for the duration of the spell.

**Glow**  
*Conjuration cantrip*  
**Casting Time:** 1 action  
**Range:** Self  
**Components:** V, S  
**Duration:** Concentration, up to 10 minutes

Your entire body emits a light blue glow, providing enough light to see in a 15-foot radius around you.

**Grow Giant Hands**  
*1st Level conjuration*  
**Casting Time:** 1 action  
**Range:** Self  
**Components:** V, S  
**Duration:** 1 minute

Your hands grow four times in size and you gain +2 to unarmed attacks with fists. You can also carry objects that are too big for regular sized hands. It does not help you lift objects that were previously too heavy.

**Lord Demonhead’s Undead Salon**  
*Necromancy cantrip*  
**Casting Time:** 1 action  
**Range:** Self  
**Components:** V, S  
**Duration:** Instantaneous

You use the dark arts of necromancy to summon the spirit of Lord Demonhead’s hair stylist. The stylist uses their power to permanently change your hair to the color and style of your choosing.

**Lottery**  
*1st Level evocation*  
**Casting Time:** 1 action  
**Range:** Self  
**Components:** V, S  
**Duration:** Self

You have a one in 10 chance of casting a level 5 spell of your choice. Otherwise the spell backfires and you turn yourself into a chicken for 1 minute.

**Make Drink Alcoholic**  
*1st Level transmutation*  
**Casting Time:** 1 action  
**Range:** Touch  
**Components:** V, S  
**Duration:** Instantaneous

You make any nonmagical drink alcoholic on touch. The amount of alcohol in the drink is determined by the caster.
Mel's Invisible Bakery

1st Level conjuration

Casting Time: 1 action
Range: 90 Feet
Components: V, S
Duration: Concentration, up to 10 minutes
You create a 20 foot-radius invisible cloud that fills the air with the smell of fresh baked bread. All creatures in the cloud must make a Constitution saving throw or else they desire baked goods. Does not affect creatures in combat.

Protection from Spicy Foods

1st Level abjuration

Casting Time: 1 action
Range: Self
Components: V, S
Duration: Concentration, up to 1 hour
For the duration, you are able to eat any food and drink without suffering the negative effects of any spicy heat or Acid Reflux.

Rainbow Bridge

1st Level conjuration

Casting Time: 1 action
Range: 120 Feet
Components: V, S
Duration: 5 minutes
You create a rainbow over any body of water that anyone can walk on. When the spell ends, the rainbow disappears and anything on the bridge falls into the water, unless it can stop the fall.

Time Warp

1st Level conjuration

Casting Time: 1 action
Range: Touch
Components: V, S
Duration: Instantaneous
This spell creates a temporary hole in the fabric in space and time that allows any non-living object being held in the palm of their hand to be sent five minutes into the future. The object will reappear in the same location or the closest possible spot if something is in its place.

Trampoline

1st Level conjuration

Casting Time: 1 action
Range: 60 feet
Components: V, S
Duration: 10 minutes
You create a trampoline that is 10 feet wide and can support up to 1000 lbs. Any creature that jumps off the trampoline quadruples their jump height. The trampoline can be pushed by any character.

Turn Green Objects Transparent

1st Level transmutation

Casting Time: 1 action
Range: 60 feet
Components: V, S
Duration: 1 hour
For the duration, you can make the target transparent. This spell only works on targets that are green. If the target has colors other than green those colors will remain but the green will become transparent.
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