



Hogwarts Class Lessons

Welcome to *Defense Against the Dark Arts!*

Today's lesson: dueling.

Your task: invite a friend to learn the proper way to duel by following the below instructions. Then practice!

1. To start, each wizard stands back to back with their wand in front of their face
2. Next, each wizard takes 5 steps forward, and turns to face their opponent.
3. Then, each wizard draws the first letter of their house name in the air with their wand before pointing it at their opponent:
 - Draw "H" if you're in Hufflepuff
 - Draw "R" if you're in Ravenclaw
 - Draw "G" if you're in Gryffindor
 - Draw "S" if you're in Slytherin
4. Each wizard places their wand over their heart and bows to their opponent.
5. Together, to the count of 1-2-3, each wizard crosses their wand in front of them to the right (1); then to the left (2); and then straight at their opponent (3). On the third count, each wizard will shout one of the following three spells:
 - Expelliarmus: expelliarmus beats stupefy
 - Stupefy: stupefy beats diffindo
 - Diffindo: diffindo beats expelliarmus



6. The wizard whose spell loses must take one step backwards:
 - Expelliarmus beats Stupefy
 - Stupefy beats Diffindo
 - Diffindo beats Expelliarmus

7. In the case of a tie, the duel ends in a draw and the wizards must cast again.

8. Repeat steps 5 to 7, waiving your wands to the count of 1-2-3 and casting additional spells on the third count.

The first wizard to take 3 steps backwards disappears, and the remaining wizard reigns!

Want to duel with other spells? Try these:

Confundo

- Confundo beats Expecto Patronum, because it prevents the opponent from focusing their thoughts on a happy memory!

Petrificus Totalus

- Petrificus Totalus beats Confundo because it stops the opponent from moving their arms, and thus prevents them from casting a curse!

Expecto Patronum

- Expecto Patronum beats Petrificus Totalus because a Patronus can tackle an opponent before they have enough time to cast a Petrificus Totalus spell!