



HOW TO  
CONSULT THE

LOONEY  
ORACLE

# OVERVIEW

The Looney Oracle uses three decks of cards to answer any and all of your questions.

Two of these decks will provide the replies, either as the ANSWER to a specific question or general ADVICE about any subject.

The third deck is the ORACLE itself, which will be used to determine which reply you receive through a series of difficult choices.

## WHO'S ASKING?

You can consult the Oracle on your own, or you can run through the questions for a friend. Either way, we will refer to the person asking for advice as the Chooser.

## WHAT TYPE OF QUESTION?

What type of reply do you wish? Choose:

- 1) a few words of general ADVICE, or
- 2) the ANSWER to a Yes/No question.

# SILENT OR SPOKEN?

The Chooser may decide to share their topic of concern with the others who are present, or they can keep it to themselves. Either way, they should fix their question firmly in their mind as they proceed.

## PREPARING THE REPLIES

Following the Chooser's wishes, shuffle either the 12 round ANSWER cards or the 80 rectangular ADVICE cards. Deal out three cards from the chosen deck, face down, in a line in front of the Chooser.

## PREPARING THE ORACLE

Shuffle the 80 large ORACLE cards and deal out three, face up, in a line underneath the ANSWER or ADVICE cards.



# THE FIRST 3 CHOICES

The Chooser must now select one of the three ORACLE cards, for any reason that makes sense to them.

Place the chosen ORACLE card on top of one of the reply cards. The Chooser decides which one.

Set the 2 unchosen ORACLE cards aside, then deal out three new ones. The Chooser now chooses again.

Repeat this process a third time.



# THE FINAL CHOICE

Now the Chooser must make the most difficult decision of all: which of the three previously chosen cards do they favor?



# THE BIG REVEAL

Once the final choice has been made, flip over the reply card to find out what ANSWER or ADVICE you have received. Feel free to discuss the meaning of the reply, but resist the urge to look at the other two reply cards, as they were not intended for you. If you seek additional wisdom, just ask another question. The Oracle has spoken!

# SOURCES

The messages in the ADVICE deck were collected by Andrew Looney over the course of his many years of noticing memorable quotes. A few of the messages were written by Andy himself, or are things he heard his mother say; others are fortune cookie messages, quips from friends and celebrities, and nuggets from other peoples' lists of wise sayings. But given that short phrases are not subject to copyright and that it's difficult to know who really said something first anyway, we are not attempting to provide detailed attribution for these quotes.

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