

The “Tell Me No Lies” Tarot Deck Personality Profile

This spread is designed to explore the quasi-psychological “profile” of a tarot deck in eight cards by considering its conversational “tone” and overall “personality.” Finding the lowest-numbered suit card in each of the four elemental sub-packs is intended to reveal how close the deck comes to expressing the “root” of the elemental power in that area; the lower the number, the closer to the source of that power - the Ace of the suit.

Step #1: Shuffle and cut the deck into four piles, right to left, representing the four suits: “Wands” (Energy); “Cups” (Heart); “Swords” (Voice); “Coins” (Substance). Reversals are not used.



The deck's vitality and spirit.

Step #2: Find the smallest card of the respective suit (Ace through King) in each pile and place it in the applicable position. This shows the usual “manner of speech” or “tone” for that aspect of the interface.* If no suit card appears in the pile, use the lowest-numbered trump of that element.

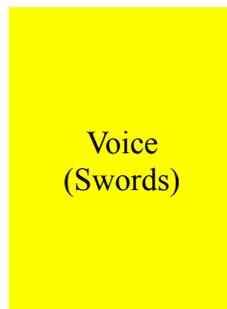


The deck's fluidity and sensitivity.

Step #3: Reassemble the rest of the deck, shuffle (cut if desired), and then select four cards in your normal manner, laying them top-to-bottom next to the four suit cards.

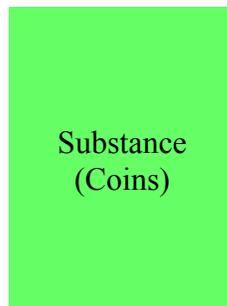
Step #4: Read each of these cards in combination with the elemental “tone” card to reveal the deck's inherent nature in that particular area. Elemental dignities can further enhance the picture.

Step #5: Read the second set of cards as a “personality profile” for the deck. Are they mostly trump cards (authoritative and possibly overbearing)? Is the series heavily populated by court cards (opinionated and perhaps contrary)? Is it dominated by minor cards (matter-of-fact and relatively uncomplicated)?



The deck's eloquence and directness.

***Alternative:** Instead of the lowest-numbered suit card, take the top card from each pile as the “tone” card. This card may dominate the overlying “personality” card to the extent that it becomes the main theme of the deck's “footprint” in that area.



The deck's solidity and reliability.

It is often worthwhile to derive a numerical quintessence from all eight cards to give the deck a single trump-card “face.” (Giving it a name is optional.)