

**It would probably make our life a million times easier to just cast a spell!**

## What if you lived in Harry Potter's universe?

This choice of spells is going to be based on their usability in our modern day-to-day lives. Regardless of how cool it would be to cast a patronus, it's not really something that you're going to use very often. Read through them and decide on three that would be of highest interest for you. In which situations would they be of some help to you? You can also add any others you are familiar with.

**Legilimens:** mind reading/telepathy. It is useful because you could simply get whatever information you needed from another person. Examples that come to mind: You could use it to view test answers from teachers or classmates' minds. You could also use it to determine whether someone's friendship is genuine or to find out whether or not your crush reciprocates your feelings. Really, the list is endless. I do realize the danger of knowing people's thoughts. Being aware that everyone was totally noticing that pimple you thought you had concealed.

**Obliviate:** the memory manipulation spell. If only we could erase our past, at least those memories which are causing us to suffer. This would allow us to live in the present moment. I could cheat in any examination. I could literally snatch the paper, read the answers after apparating someplace safe and copy them down. Then go back to the exam hall, and obliviate everybody. My reason, simply, is that I would like to erase all those specific memories in which I've caused pain to all my near and dear ones, especially my parents.

**Wingardium Leviosa** can be very useful in lifting heavy things or placing/moving things to/from hard to reach places. No more ladders for me!

**Muggetum Repello.** What a wonderful charm. You could go into a beautiful castle or mansion somewhere, cast Muggetum Repello, and everyone would be powerless to make you leave. The castle is yours now. And any time someone tries to hassle you, Muggetum Repello. The queen is here and she wants her castle back, Muggetum Repello.



**Accio** would be pretty cool because I'd never have to search for anything ever again and could simply summon it to my hand. The next time I forget my homework at school, just one simple spell, and I get full credit. Not only am I a lazy person by nature but also incredibly forgetful. I've lost hours of my life looking for dead cellphones and my keys. I frequently lose stuff. "Accio, lost umbrella!", "Accio, remote!" Sadly, I'll probably gain weight by moving objects magically instead of getting up to do so.

**Apparition:** The ability to travel from anywhere to anywhere, but more importantly, the ability to escape from an unwanted situation within a second, is pure gold. It is a magical form of teleportation. Disappear from one place and appear almost instantly somewhere else. Want to travel to another country for free? Get on Google Maps, find a good hiding place in your target city, and there you go. Imagine that journey to the holiday site with your unbearable little brother, the heat outside, your parents arguing. No long commute, no booking of tickets, just a \*poof\* and you are there.

**Reparo** would be my pick, the mending charm. I would be able to repair broken objects such as my phone or my glasses. Imagine breaking your favorite something and being able to fix it immediately and perfectly. Reparo, internet! Reparo, my life! Reparo, my sister's attitude! Reparo, whatever I've accidentally destroyed. Reparo, computer. Reparo, brain. Reparo, immune system. Reparo, headphones. Cleaning rooms would no longer be dreaded and could be done in a flick of a wand. Not to mention that I am an extraordinarily clumsy person who breaks things all the time.



**Aguamenti:** Breaking the laws of physics and providing fresh water in any situation? Sure! *Aguamenti* for an endless supply of clean water. I'll never need to bring a water bottle again.

**Riddikulus** It changes the target's shape into funny shapes and neutralizes it. The caster must think of something funny while casting this spell. The object is to make the target laughable. They feed on fear and are defeated by laughter. It's the perfect tool against bullies.