

# Pokemon


Just as the *Pokemon* craze was first hitting the U.S., my fellow *InQuest* magazine editor, Tom Slizewski, and I were asked to pen a Collector's Guide detailing all the cards. We did that and more in this pocket-sized *Pokemon* book.

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Unofficial  
CARD COLLECTOR'S GUIDE

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Clockwise from top left: Golbat: Fossil English Set; Pikachu: Jungle English Set; Charizard: Basic English Set; Bad Arbok: Team Rocket Japanese Set; Misty's Psyduck: Gym Leaders 1 Japanese Set; Meowth: Gym Leaders 2 Japanese Set

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## Poké Mania!

The Pokémon craze is sweeping the world! These funny-looking creatures have captured the imagination of children everywhere, making the collectible Pokémon cards an incredibly hot commodity. People love to play card games with them, but even more, they love to collect them.

This awesome collector's guide gives you all the information you need on common, uncommon, rare, and ultra-rare holofoil cards. It also includes exclusive power and collectibility ratings—find out how valuable your cards are as collectibles and how powerful they are during play.

Also included are card collecting and trading hints, tips to tell if a card is authentic, specifics about which edition a card is, and lots more. *Pokémon Card Collector's Guide* is a must-have for Pokémon fans of all ages!

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We explained each card from the basic set, as well as included trading hints, tips on how to spot counterfeiting, power ratings for tournament play, American and Japanese card prices at the time and more.

## 2 Caterpie 1

**Set:** Basic  
**Card Number:** 45  
**Evolution:** Into Metapod



**Rarity:** Common  
**English 1st Edition Price:** \$.50-\$1  
**English 2nd Edition Price:** \$.25-.50

**Japanese Price:** \$.50-.75  
Like a caterpillar, Caterpie can cling to things like trees and buildings. The webs it shoots slow down pokémon attacking it, buying time to tie them up or get itself away. Because Caterpie evolves into the worthless Metapod, it's not very popular with pokémon trainers or collectors.

## 5 Chansey 5



**Set:** Basic  
**Evolution:** None  
**Card Number:** 3  
**Rarity:** Rare (Holofoil)  
**English 1st Edition Price:** \$40-\$55  
**English 2nd Edition Price:** \$14-\$18

**Japanese Price:** \$12-\$16  
The always cheerful Chansey is difficult to catch and not well suited for fighting. In battle it usually just hides its face and protects its eggs. When charged up enough, it can launch a devastating attack, but it takes an equal amount of damage itself.

Chansey is a tournament favorite and one of the five most sought-after cards.

## 5 Charizard 5

**Set:** Basic  
**Evolution:** From Charmeleon  
**Card Number:** 4  
**Rarity:** Rare (Holofoil)  
**English 1st Edition Price:** \$125-\$225  
**English 2nd Edition Price:** \$35-\$45

**Japanese Price:** \$35-\$45  
Very similar to a dragon, Charizard has wings and is able to shoot super-hot flames out of its mouth. These flames are so hot they melt everything in its path, even rocks! This super ability has made it the second most popular pocket monster; only Pikachu is more popular. Charizard is also one of the five most sought-after cards in the game and the single most valuable pokémon to collectors.



## 3 Charmander 1

**Set:** Basic  
**Evolution:** Into Charmeleon  
**Card Number:** 46  
**Rarity:** Common  
**English 1st Edition Price:** \$.50-\$1  
**English 2nd Edition Price:** \$.25-.50

**Japanese Price:** \$.50-.75  
Though it looks like a miniature orange Barney, Charmander is a lot more dangerous since it's filled with fire. Sometimes this fire leaks out and can be seen as a small flame on the tip of its tail. It feels right at home around volcanoes and lava, but it is vulnerable to water attacks.

