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Here's an "Alpha Oops" that ended up not being so. In *Alpha*, **Red Elemental Blast** was mistakenly labeled an instant instead of an interrupt.



*Red Elemental Blast*  
from Limited Edition Alpha

According to the rules at that time, that would have prevented it from actually countering spells!

It was changed to an interrupt when it was reprinted in *Beta*, *Unlimited*, *Revised* and *Fourth Edition*, but after the *Sixth Edition* rules changes, **Red Elemental Blast's** Oracle text was really changed to "instant," along with all the other interrupts. As rules gurus are fond of saying: all's well that gets its Oracle text errata'ed well.

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