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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### bard

*n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

*synonym* : poet, minstrel, troubadour

(1) medieval **bard**, (2) a famous **bard**

The **bard's** performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

### kingdom

*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

*synonym* : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

### insult

*n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

*synonym* : affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

### execution

*n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

*synonym* : carrying out, implementation, completion

(1) compulsory **execution**, (2) **execution** by injection

The **execution** of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

## princess

*n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

*synonym* : royal, noble, queen

(1) crown **princess**, (2) a Royal **Princess**

The prince fell in love with the **princess** and asked her to marry him.

## fan

*n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

*synonym* : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

## pouch

*n.* a small bag or container with a drawstring or zipper used to carry small items; a small sac or pocket within an organ or tissue in the body

*synonym* : bag, sack, pocket

(1) paper **pouch**, (2) kangaroo **pouch**

My wallet wasn't big enough, so I kept my coins in a small **pouch**.

## magic

*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

*synonym* : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

## dice

*n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and

some games

*synonym* : cube, die

(1) **dice** game, (2) playing **dice**

He rolled the **dice**, hoping for a lucky outcome.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## cavern

*n.* a large, natural underground space

*synonym* : grotto, cave, cavity

(1) a yawning **cavern**, (2) **cavern** tour

The explorer discovered a large **cavern** deep underground.

## connoisseur

*n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions

*synonym* : expert, specialist, aficionado

(1) **connoisseur** of art, (2) **connoisseur** of wine

He's a **connoisseur** of fine wine and can tell you all about the various regions and vintages.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## life-sized

*adj.* being of the same size as the person or thing represented

*synonym* : equivalent, same, equal

(1) a **life-sized** model, (2) **life-sized** wooden sculptures

This museum has a **life-sized** model of a mammoth.

## passageway

*n.* a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions

*synonym* : corridor, hallway, passage

(1) **passageway** lighting, (2) an enclosed **passageway**

The narrow **passageway** was the only route to the hidden chamber.

## roll

*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

*synonym* : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

## advance

*v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

*synonym* : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

## slide

*v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

*synonym* : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

## cast

*v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

*synonym* : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

## disappear

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym* : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week  
They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

## inaccessible

*adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available  
*synonym*: inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

## sequence

*n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

*synonym*: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

## pause

*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

*synonym*: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

## gravity

*n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

*synonym*: heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

## boost

*v.* to improve, raise, or increase something

*synonym*: raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

## pesky

*adj.* causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner

*synonym* : annoying, irritating, bothersome

(1) dealing with **pesky**, (2) **pesky** problem

The **pesky** fly kept buzzing around my head.

## exclusive

*adj.* not divided or shared with others

*synonym* : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

## counterintuitive

*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

*synonym* : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## instance

*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

*synonym* : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

## backward

*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

*synonym* : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

## unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym* : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

## usable

*adj.* able to be used; fit or ready for use or service

*synonym*: functional, operational, practical

(1) **usable** technology, (2) **usable** as office space

The device is only **usable** when it is connected to a power source.

## doom

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

*synonym*: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

*synonym*: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

## impede

*v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

*synonym*: hinder, obstruct, block

(1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development

The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.

## progression

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

*synonym*: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

## midpoint

*n.* the exact middle point or position between two things or places; a point that is equidistant from two other points

*synonym* : center point, halfway point

(1) **midpoint** formula, (2) **midpoint** theorem

The **midpoint** between New York City and Los Angeles is located in Kansas.

## stick

*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## seize

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym* : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## epic

*n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

*synonym* : legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

## contest

*n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

*synonym* : battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**



There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|----|--|
| 1. de___e on a course of action | v. | to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options   |
| 2. se__e the day                | v. | to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something                        |
| 3. pro_____on of civilization   | n. | the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward  |
| 4. pro_____on of disease        | n. | the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward  |
| 5. im___e development           | v. | to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress   |
| 6. a subordinate ki____m        | n. | the country ruled by a king or queen   |
| 7. pos_____ty for growth        | n. | a chance that something may happen or be true  |
| 8. ad_____e the technology      | v. | to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way  |
| 9. mi_____nt theorem            | n. | the exact middle point or position between two things or places; a point that is equidistant from two other points                               |
| 10. c__t a ballot               | v. | to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process |

ANSWERS: 1. decide, 2. seize, 3. progression, 4. progression, 5. impede, 6. kingdom, 7. possibility, 8. advance, 9. midpoint, 10. cast

11. d\_\_e game *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
12. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
13. even more unf\_\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
14. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
15. c\_\_t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
16. ba\_\_\_\_\_rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
17. r\_\_l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
18. the DNA se\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
19. pas\_\_\_\_\_ay lighting *n.* a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions
20. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
21. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
22. walk ba\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

ANSWERS: 11. dice, 12. decide, 13. unfortunately, 14. suddenly, 15. cast, 16. backward, 17. roll, 18. sequence, 19. passageway, 20. exclusive, 21. counterintuitive, 22. backward

23. bo\_\_t flexibility *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
24. r\_\_l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
25. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. ina\_\_\_\_\_ble areas *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
27. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
28. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
29. con\_\_\_\_\_ur of art *n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions
30. she is ma\_\_c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
31. prophet of d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
32. a speech co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
33. us\_\_\_e technology *adj.* able to be used; fit or ready for use or service
34. con\_\_\_\_\_ur of wine *n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions

ANSWERS: 23. boost, 24. roll, 25. opportune, 26. inaccessible, 27. exclusive, 28. unfortunately, 29. connoisseur, 30. magic, 31. doom, 32. contest, 33. usable, 34. connoisseur

35. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace      *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
36. st\_\_k a key in a lock      *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
37. engine cooling f\_n      *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
38. pe\_\_y problem      *adj.* causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner
39. die su\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
40. a famous b\_\_d      *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
41. medieval b\_\_d      *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
42. heroic e\_\_c      *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
43. pa\_\_e for a reaction      *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
44. ina\_\_\_\_\_ble to an unauthorized user      *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available

ANSWERS: 35. disappear, 36. stick, 37. fan, 38. pesky, 39. suddenly, 40. bard, 41. bard, 42. epic, 43. pause, 44. inaccessible

45. ex\_\_\_\_\_on by injection *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
46. a close co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
47. the se\_\_\_\_\_ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
48. bo\_\_t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
49. ad\_\_\_\_\_e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
50. a film f\_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
51. us\_\_\_e as office space *adj.* able to be used; fit or ready for use or service
52. mi\_\_\_\_\_nt formula *n.* the exact middle point or position between two things or places; a point that is equidistant from two other points
53. establish his ki\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
54. se\_\_e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
55. a lif\_\_\_\_\_ed model *adj.* being of the same size as the person or thing represented

ANSWERS: 45. execution, 46. contest, 47. sequence, 48. boost, 49. advance, 50. fan, 51. usable, 52. midpoint, 53. kingdom, 54. seize, 55. life-sized

56. dealing with pe\_\_y *adj.* causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner
57. an enclosed pas\_\_\_\_\_ay *n.* a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions
58. ca\_\_\_n tour *n.* a large, natural underground space
59. a ma\_\_c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
60. economic d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
61. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
62. a yawning ca\_\_\_n *n.* a large, natural underground space
63. playing d\_\_e *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
64. fire st\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
65. di\_\_\_\_\_ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
66. an intentional in\_\_t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

ANSWERS: 56. pesky, 57. passageway, 58. cavern, 59. magic, 60. doom, 61. opportune, 62. cavern, 63. dice, 64. stick, 65. disappear, 66. insult

67. paper po\_\_h *n.* a small bag or container with a drawstring or zipper used to carry small items; a small sac or pocket within an organ or tissue in the body
68. im\_\_\_e a close relationship *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
69. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
70. pa\_\_e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
71. a Royal Pr\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
72. kangaroo po\_\_h *n.* a small bag or container with a drawstring or zipper used to carry small items; a small sac or pocket within an organ or tissue in the body
73. notable in\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
74. the attraction of gr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
75. lif\_\_\_\_\_ed wooden sculptures *adj.* being of the same size as the person or thing represented
76. e\_\_c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

ANSWERS: 67. pouch, 68. impede, 69. counterintuitive, 70. pause, 71. princess, 72. pouch, 73. instance, 74. gravity, 75. life-sized, 76. epic



77. in\_\_\_t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
78. sl\_\_e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
79. compulsory ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
80. sl\_\_e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
81. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
82. for in\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
83. crown pr\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
84. preserve my gr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

ANSWERS: 77. insult, 78. slide, 79. execution, 80. slide, 81. possibility, 82. instance, 83. princess, 84. gravity

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The prince fell in love with the \_\_\_\_\_ and asked her to marry him.  
*n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
  
2. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.  
*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
  
3. The narrow \_\_\_\_\_ was the only route to the hidden chamber.  
*n.* a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions
  
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.  
*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
  
5. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.  
*v.* to cease to exist or be visible
  
6. This accident \_\_\_\_\_ a dark shadow over their lives.  
*v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
  
7. By remaining neutral, this \_\_\_\_\_ continued to exist.  
*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
  
8. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.  
*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

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9. My wallet wasn't big enough, so I kept my coins in a small \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small bag or container with a drawstring or zipper used to carry small items; a small sac or pocket within an organ or tissue in the body
10. The device is only \_\_\_\_\_ when it is connected to a power source.
- adj.* able to be used; fit or ready for use or service
11. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.
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33. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

ANSWERS: 26. insult, 27. possibility, 28. connoisseur, 29. seize, 30. boost, 31. cavern, 32. sequence, 33. gravity

34. The traffic jam \_\_\_\_\_ our progress to reach the destination on time.  
*v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
35. The condo offers \_\_\_\_\_ access to the beach.  
*adj.* not divided or shared with others
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.  
*n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
37. I'm a big \_\_\_\_ of French food.  
*n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
38. He performed \_\_\_\_\_ tricks with sophisticated moves.  
*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
39. These articles cite five \_\_\_\_\_ of climate change.  
*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ fly kept buzzing around my head.  
*adj.* causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner
41. Heavy snow made it \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the mountain village.  
*adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.  
*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

ANSWERS: 34. impeded, 35. exclusive, 36. bard's, 37. fan, 38. magic, 39. instances, 40. pesky, 41. inaccessible, 42. counterintuitive

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