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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### confession

*n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

*synonym*: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

### witchcraft

*n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

*synonym*: sorcery, magic, wizardry

(1) **witchcraft** belief, (2) the power of **witchcraft**

Many people were accused of **witchcraft** during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.

### misunderstand

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

*synonym*: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

### intersex

*adj.* having a biological condition in which a person is born with reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not fit

typical male or female definitions, often resulting in physical or hormonal differences

*synonym* : ambigender, nonbinary, hermaphroditic

(1) **intersex** condition, (2) female **intersex**

The **intersex** community faces discrimination and marginalization in many societies.

## superpower

*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

*synonym* : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

## genital

*adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

*synonym* : reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

## trait

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym* : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## puberty

*n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

*synonym* : adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**

In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

## gonad

*n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females

*synonym*: testes, ovary, reproductive gland

(1) **gonad** development, (2) reproductive **gonad**

Certain chemicals can disrupt the proper functioning of **gonads**, leading to reproductive problems.

## ovary

*n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

## superhuman

*adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability

*synonym*: supernatural, inhuman, beyond human

(1) **superhuman** beings, (2) **superhuman** effort

The athlete's **superhuman** strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

## swipe

*v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

*synonym*: flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym*: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## outweigh

*v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

*synonym* : dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

## irreversible

*adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition

*synonym* : irrevocable, unrecoverable, permanent

(1) avoid **irreversible** damage, (2) an **irreversible** change

The development of agricultural technology has had an **irreversible** impact on humanity.

## instruct

*v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

*synonym* : train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

## secrecy

*n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

*synonym* : confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

## sham

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## categorize

*v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

*synonym* : classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

## banal

*adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

*synonym* : trite, mundane, dull

(1) **banal** conversation, (2) **banal** plot

The restaurant's menu had a **banal** selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.

## transgender

*adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

*synonym* : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

## testicle

*n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels

*synonym* : ballock, gonad, ball

(1) **testicle** injury, (2) swollen **testicles**

The athlete was hit in the **testicle** during the game and had to be removed.

## uneven

*adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical

*synonym* : irregular, rough, bumpy

(1) **uneven** numbers, (2) **uneven** coating

The road was **uneven**, causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.

## sterilize

*v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

*synonym*: disinfect, sanitize, cleanse

(1) **sterilize** chemically, (2) **sterilize** surfaces

The nurse **sterilized** the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.

## scar

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

*synonym*: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

## trousers

*n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

*synonym*: pants, slacks, jeans

(1) work **trousers**, (2) denim **trousers**

He wore black **trousers** and a white shirt to the job interview.

## debunk

*v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless

*synonym*: expose, discredit, demystify

(1) **debunk** an urban legend, (2) **debunk** theory

The myth was **debunked** by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

## stigma

*n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

*synonym*: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from

seeking treatment.

## homophobia

*n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

*synonym* : prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports  
The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

## transphobia

*n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations

*synonym* : gender bias, gender bigotry

(1) overcome **transphobia**, (2) experience **transphobia**  
Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of **transphobia** still prevalent in many parts of the world.

## lawmaker

*n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

*synonym* : lawgiver, legislator, solon

(1) female **lawmaker**, (2) incumbent **lawmaker**  
This company has increased political contributions to federal **lawmakers**.

## humiliate

*v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

*synonym* : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## instinctive

*adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

*synonym*: spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

## insecure

*adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

*synonym*: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. cat\_\_\_\_\_ze the image      *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
2. cat\_\_\_\_\_ze the cause of failure      *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
3. work tr\_\_\_\_\_rs      *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
4. mis\_\_\_\_\_and each other      *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
5. killer a\_p      *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
6. ins\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior      *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
7. sw\_\_e left on a dating app      *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
8. pain in the ge\_\_\_\_\_l area      *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
9. sw\_\_e a card      *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

ANSWERS: 1. categorize, 2. categorize, 3. trousers, 4. misunderstand, 5. app, 6. instinctive, 7. swipe, 8. genital, 9. swipe

10. personality tr\_\_ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
11. sup\_\_\_\_\_an effort *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
12. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
13. te\_\_\_\_\_le injury *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
14. the power of wit\_\_\_\_\_ft *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
15. female la\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
16. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
17. an irr\_\_\_\_\_ble change *adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition
18. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 10. trait, 11. superhuman, 12. misunderstand, 13. testicle, 14. witchcraft, 15. lawmaker, 16. empathy, 17. irreversible, 18. sham

19. incumbent la\_\_\_\_er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
20. cannot log in to the a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
21. st\_\_\_\_ze chemically *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
22. in\_\_\_\_ex condition *adj.* having a biological condition in which a person is born with reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not fit typical male or female definitions, often resulting in physical or hormonal differences
23. at the height of pu\_\_\_\_y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
24. un\_\_\_\_n coating *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
25. ge\_\_\_\_l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
26. denim tr\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
27. swollen te\_\_\_\_les *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels

ANSWERS: 19. lawmaker, 20. app, 21. sterilize, 22. intersex, 23. puberty, 24. uneven, 25. genital, 26. trousers, 27. testicle

28. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
29. ou\_\_\_\_gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
30. sup\_\_\_\_\_er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
31. a con\_\_\_\_\_on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
32. the onset of pu\_\_\_\_y *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
33. wit\_\_\_\_\_ft belief *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
34. tra\_\_\_\_\_er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
35. carry a s\_\_r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

ANSWERS: 28. sham, 29. outweigh, 30. superpower, 31. confession, 32. puberty, 33. witchcraft, 34. transgender, 35. scar

36. hu\_\_\_\_\_te him publicly      *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
37. government se\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
38. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
39. de\_\_\_k theory      *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
40. female in\_\_\_\_\_ex      *adj.* having a biological condition in which a person is born with reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not fit typical male or female definitions, often resulting in physical or hormonal differences
41. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a computer      *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
42. burn s\_\_\_r      *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
43. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
44. un\_\_\_\_\_n numbers      *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
45. de\_\_\_k an urban legend      *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless

ANSWERS: 36. humiliate, 37. secrecy, 38. empathy, 39. debunk, 40. intersex, 41. instruct, 42. scar, 43. medicinal, 44. uneven, 45. debunk

46. a con\_\_\_\_\_on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
47. st\_\_\_\_\_ze surfaces *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
48. sup\_\_\_\_\_an beings *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
49. experience tra\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
50. ov\_\_y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
51. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
52. hom\_\_\_\_\_ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
53. go\_\_d development *n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females

ANSWERS: 46. confession, 47. sterilize, 48. superhuman, 49. transphobia, 50. ovary, 51. instinct, 52. homophobia, 53. gonad

54. sup\_\_\_\_\_er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
55. reproductive go\_\_d *n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females
56. an in\_\_\_\_\_re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
57. ba\_\_l plot *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
58. hu\_\_\_\_\_te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
59. in\_\_\_\_\_ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
60. overcome tra\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
61. ins\_\_\_\_\_ve reaction *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
62. hom\_\_\_\_\_ia awareness *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

ANSWERS: 54. superpower, 55. gonad, 56. insecure, 57. banal, 58. humiliate, 59.

instruct, 60. transphobia, 61. instinctive, 62. homophobia



63. salted ov\_\_y of walleye pollack *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
64. chemical tr\_\_t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
65. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
66. in\_\_\_\_\_re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
67. social st\_\_\_\_a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
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70. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
71. avoid irr\_\_\_\_\_ble damage *adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition
72. tra\_\_\_\_\_er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
73. ba\_\_l conversation *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

ANSWERS: 63. ovary, 64. trait, 65. instinct, 66. insecure, 67. stigma, 68. stigma, 69. secrecy, 70. medicinal, 71. irreversible, 72. transgender, 73. banal

74. ou\_\_\_\_gh our wishes

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

ANSWERS: 74. outweigh

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.  
*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
2. Even after the wound has healed, a \_\_\_\_\_ remains.  
*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
3. Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of \_\_\_\_\_ still prevalent in many parts of the world.  
*n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
4. Many \_\_\_\_\_ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.  
*adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
6. The advantages would undoubtedly \_\_\_\_\_ the disadvantages.  
*v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
7. They found \_\_\_\_\_ cancer in an early stage.  
*n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

ANSWERS: 1. misunderstand, 2. scar, 3. transphobia, 4. transgender, 5. Empathy, 6. outweigh, 7. ovary

8. The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated \_\_\_\_\_.
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- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
- adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
11. This company has increased political contributions to federal \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
12. The mental health \_\_\_\_\_ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
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14. Many people were accused of \_\_\_\_\_ during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.
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ANSWERS: 8. homophobia, 9. superpower, 10. genital, 11. lawmakers, 12. stigma, 13. categorized, 14. witchcraft

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19. The \_\_\_\_\_ community faces discrimination and marginalization in many societies.

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ANSWERS: 15. traits, 16. insecure, 17. gonads, 18. sham, 19. intersex, 20. secrecy, 21. sterilized

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*n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

34. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

35. The development of agricultural technology has had an \_\_\_\_\_ impact on humanity.

*adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition

36. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for the mother to protect her child from harm.

*adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

37. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

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