

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

An egg fell out of its nest. Your mission is to figure out which dinosaur the egg belongs to so you can put the egg back in the correct nest. Solve the clues to figure out what dinosaur the egg belongs to and solve the mystery!

1. Take a dinosaur list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which dinosaur the egg belongs to.
3. Cross out wrong dinosaurs each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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Clue #1: Find It!

Circle the boxes where the picture matches the sentence.
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 does The dino made a <u>mistake</u> and dropped a plate.	 wings The dino steps on my <u>loose shoelace</u> .	 not My classmate loves to <u>draw dinosaurs</u> .	 have The dino packs his <u>suitcase</u> for a trip.
 a The fish tries to <u>escape</u> from a big dino.	 short The dinosaur helps <u>inflate</u> the float.	 long The dinosaur drinks a <u>cold milkshake</u> .	 neck The baby dino joined the <u>parade</u> .

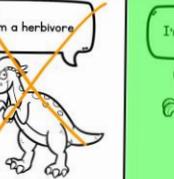
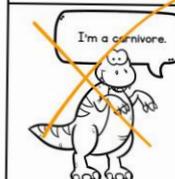
Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong dinosaur off your list.

the dino does not have a long neck

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Who Does the Egg Belong to?

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 I'm a herbivore. Parasaurolophus	 I'm a carnivore. Pterodactyl	 I'm a herbivore. Pachycephalosaur	 I'm an omnivore. Oviraptor
 I'm a carnivore. T-Rex	 I'm a carnivore. Spinosaurus	 I'm a herbivore. Brontosaurus	 I'm a herbivore. Triceratops

Name: _____

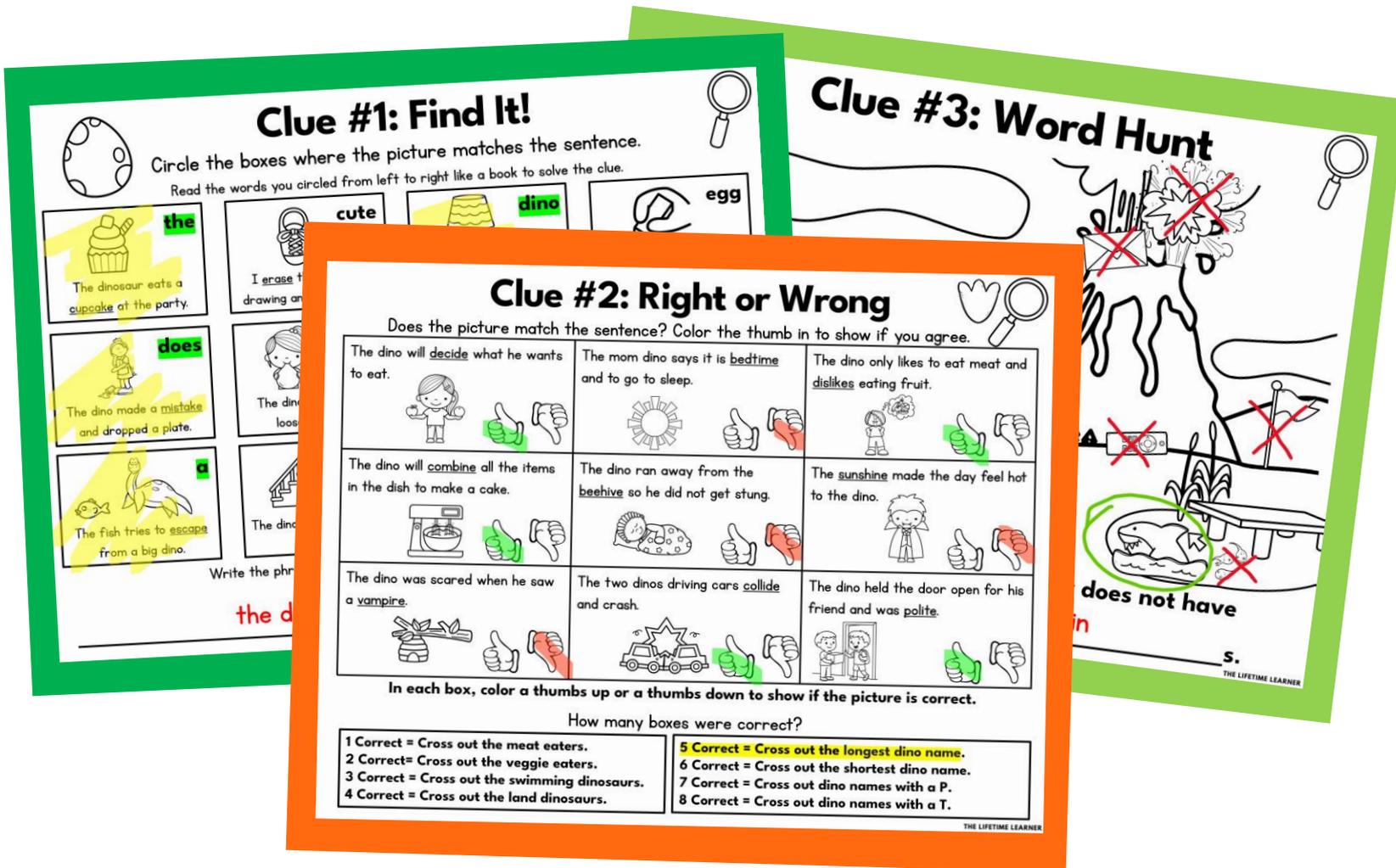
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what dinosaur to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the dinosaur egg will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Final E Multi-Syllable Review:

- Long A Multi-Syllable Words
- Long E Multi-Syllable Words
- Long I Multi-Syllable Words
- Long O Multi-Syllable Words
- Long U Multi-Syllable Words
- Also known as CVCe 2 syllable words, Magic E, Silent E, Vce syllables, and more



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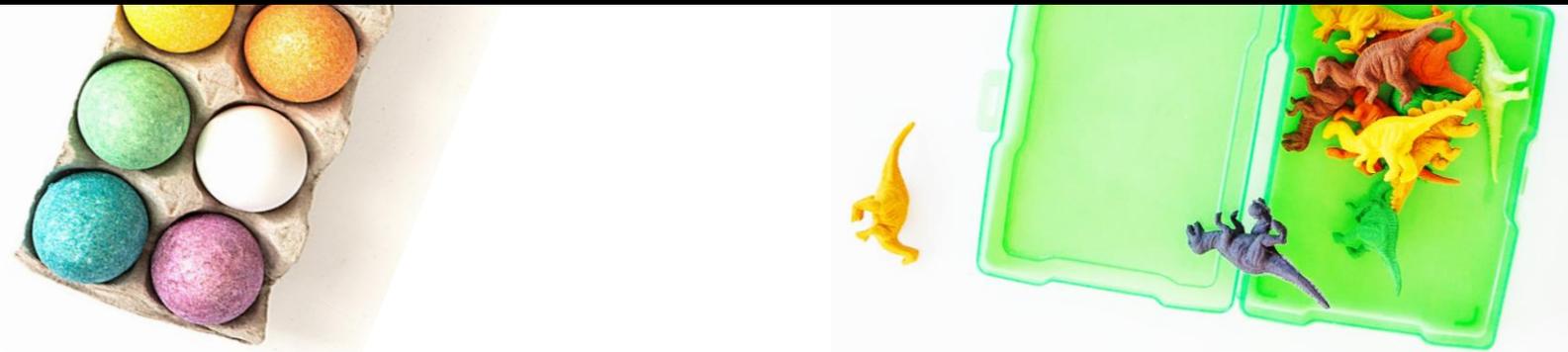
Clue #3: Word Hunt

1 Correct = Cross out the meat eaters.
2 Correct = Cross out the veggie eaters.
3 Correct = Cross out the swimming dinosaurs.
4 Correct = Cross out the land dinosaurs.

5 Correct = Cross out the longest dino name.
6 Correct = Cross out the shortest dino name.
7 Correct = Cross out dino names with a P.
8 Correct = Cross out dino names with a T.

All clues focus on reviewing multi-syllable words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

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• remote • envelope • foxhole
• bathrobe • flagpole • explode
• alone • trombone • tadpole

The dinosaur does not have
fin

What picture is left? Write that word on the line.

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Clue #4: Dino Notes
Fill in the missing letters. Color each dinosaur to match its footprint. Then, find the correct key at the bottom.

Clue #5: Fill in the Blank

	we	behave	not	complete	claws

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom in each row to figure out the clue.

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Short & Long Options

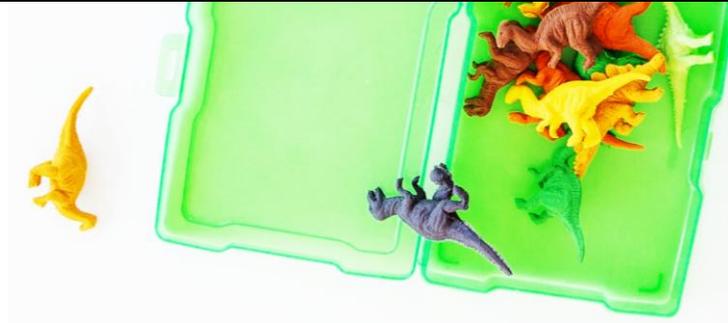
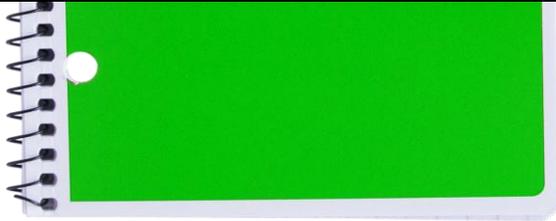
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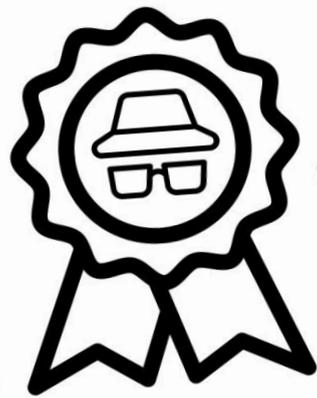
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

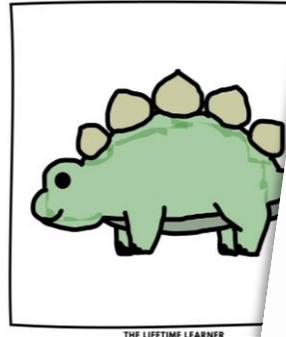
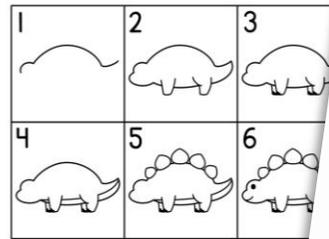
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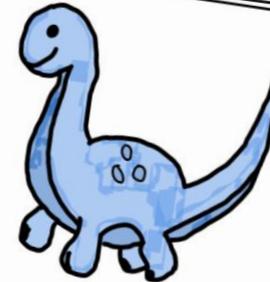
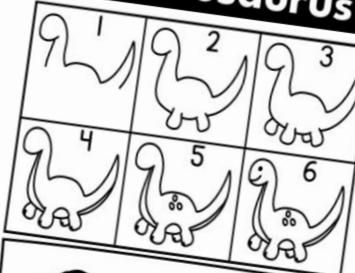
a stegosaurus



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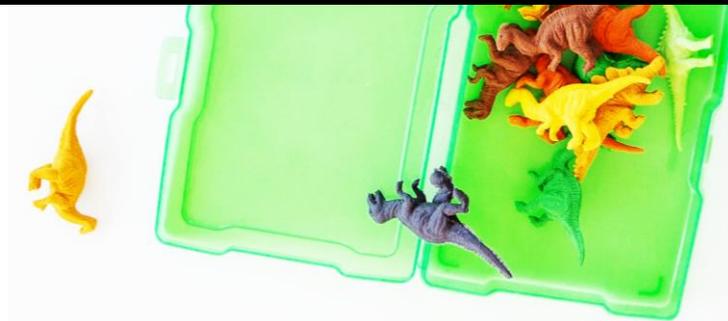
brachiosaurus



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If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

PHONICS MYSTERY BENEFITS



- No Prep
- Print and Digital Versions
- 3 & 5 Clue Options
- Fun and Engaging
- Easy to Differentiate
- Encourages Critical Thinking
- Aligns with Phonics Standards
- Perfect for Review Days
- Choice between 2 versions: Phonics Mystery OR CVC Words Mystery.
- You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together.

Clue #4: Dino Notes

Fill in the missing letters. Color each dinosaur to match its footprint. Then, find the correct key at the bottom.

 blue -ude	 purple -ume	 green -use		
 The dino was conf_ use _d what to do.	 Dinos had to eat or cons_ ume _ a lot of food to live.	 A dino is alone so we incl_ ude _ him in the game.	 When my mom leaves the room, I res_ ume _ reading a dino book.	 The dino told a joke to am_ use _ me.
 I wore a dino cost_ ume _ to the Halloween party.	 I ass_ ume _ the dino has sharp teeth since he eats meat.	 The dino had an exc_ use _ for why he was late.	 The girl dino put on some perf_ ume _ to smell nice.	 Dan the dino will acc_ use _ Ben the dino of stealing.
Cross out the meat-eaters if there are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 blue dino• 5 purple dinos• 4 green dinos	Cross out the smallest dinosaur if there are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 blue dino• 4 purple dinos• 5 green dinos	Cross out the veggie-eaters if there are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 blue dinos• 5 purple dinos• 3 green dinos	Cross out the largest dinosaur if there are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 blue dinos• 6 purple dinos• 2 green dinos	

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Ideas for Use:

- Use as a mini lesson during whole group time
- During small groups
- In partners
- In table groups
- For fast finishers

WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

Ordinary phonics worksheets can be boring and unoriginal.

You want activities that are fun and engaging, but also rigorous and meaningful to student learning.

PHONICS MYSTERIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

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Clue #2: Right or Wrong
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The dino will <u>decide</u> what he wants to eat.	The mom dino says it is <u>bedtime</u> and to go to sleep.	The dino only likes to eat meat and <u>dislikes</u> eating fruit.
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Clue #3: Word Hunt

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blue purple green

Clue #5: Fill in the Blank

<u>we</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>sharp</u>	<u>saw</u>	<u>horn</u>	<u>meat</u>
<u>have</u>	<u>eat</u>	<u>feet</u>	<u>swim</u>	<u>does</u>	<u>spots</u>
<u>not</u>	<u>hands</u>	<u>wings</u>	<u>slows</u>	<u>arms</u>	<u>dino</u>

Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

Word: centipede	Word: Chinese	Word: compete
<u>the</u>	<u>saw</u>	<u>have</u>
Word: athlete	Word: concrete	Word: delete
<u>dino</u>	<u>does</u>	<u>sharp</u>
Word: trapeze	Word: behave	Word: complete
<u>we</u>	<u>not</u>	<u>claws</u>

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom ↓ in each row to figure out the clue.

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LET'S DRAW...
a stegosaurus

LET'S DRAW...
brachiosaurus

solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Dino Egg

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Who Does the Egg Belong to?

Solve the clues to figure out which dinosaur the egg belongs to.

I'm a herbivore.	I'm a carnivore.	I'm a herbivore.	I'm an omnivore.
I'm a carnivore.	I'm a carnivore.	I'm a herbivore.	I'm a herbivore.

Name: _____

WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

Reading Mysteries aren't just a copy of Math Mysteries!

They have brand-new clues, focus on reading skills, and even feature a different conclusion to the mystery.

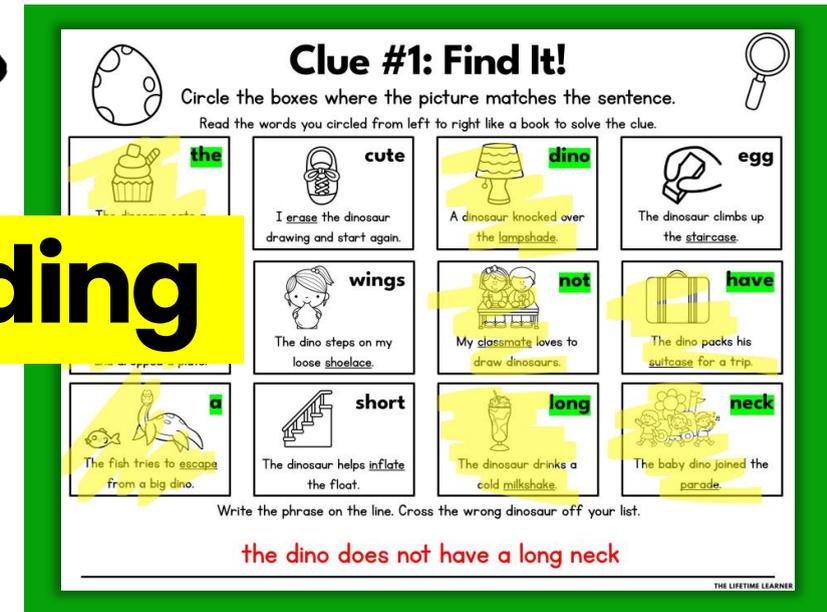
The only thing that stays the same is the list of suspects students start with!

So, if you have both, students can play during math and then again during reading for double the fun.

Reading

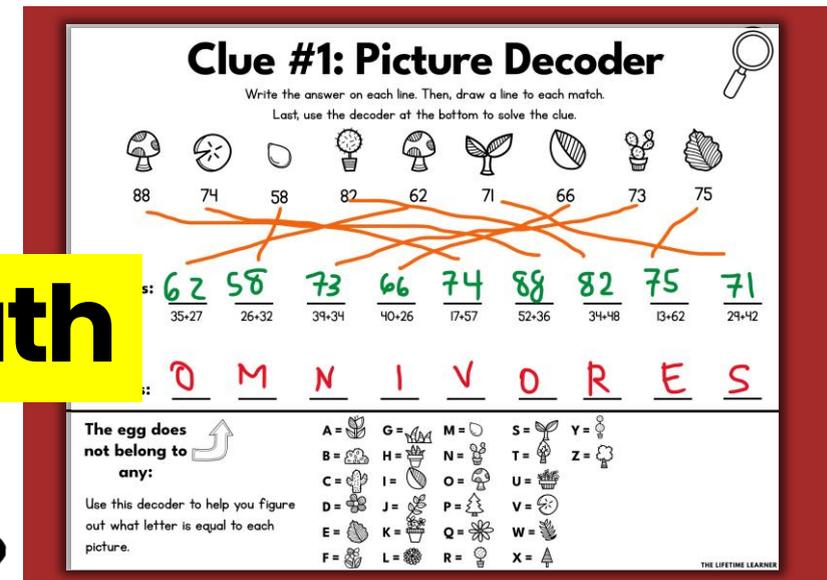
Example of Clue 1

Math



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 short The dinosaur helps <u>inflate</u> the float.	 long The dinosaur drinks a <u>cold milkshake</u> .	Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong dinosaur off your list. <u>the dino does not have a long neck</u>	



Clue #1: Picture Decoder
Write the answer on each line. Then, draw a line to each match.
Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

								
88	74	58	82	62	71	66	73	75
: <u>62 58 73 66 74 88 82 75 71</u>								
: 35-27 26-32 39-34 40-26 17-57 52-36 34+8 13-62 29+12								
: <u>Q M N I V O R E S</u>								

The egg does not belong to any:
Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

A = 	G = 	M = 	S = 	Y = 
B = 	H = 	N = 	T = 	Z = 
C = 	I = 	O = 	U = 	
D = 	J = 	P = 	V = 	
E = 	K = 	Q = 	W = 	
F = 	L = 	R = 	X = 	

KEEP THE FUN GOING!

GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

Math Mysteries aren't just a copy of reading. They come with fresh clues, unique math challenges, and a new culprit, so students are solving an entirely different case!



MORE READING MYSTERIES:

Explore other grade levels to differentiate and keep every student engaged.



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