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Rainbow Gala 27

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Do you know what anime conventions are? An anime convention is an exhibition where participants gather with a primary focus on Japanese culture, including anime and manga. RG27 (Rainbow Gala 27) is one of the events being held in Hong Kong. There, you will meet a lot of cosplayers and photographers who are passionate about Japanese culture. If you are obsessed with anime or manga, you may find yourself immersed in a wide spectrum of exquisite fan arts and well-designed products.



I went to RG27 on one occasion dressed up. There were many people walking around in the venue, ranging from adolescents to adults. It was really crowded. A lot of people came and requested to take photos with me. I was startled at first because I did not expect to be noticed and I am an introverted person. Soon I got used to it and enjoyed myself in that atmosphere. It was satisfying because people showed their interest in my dress-up, which showed that my hard work paid.

At the event, people praised each other for their appearance and exchanged contacts to forge new friendships, which made me feel warm. As such, I also made new friends who have similar interests as I do. I felt great when sharing my favorite anime with like-minded friends and receiving favorable responses. They

encouraged me to be more confident, which made me feel comfortable in the event. Some kind cosplayers bought bags of candy and chocolate as a present. I got a candy with the package of my favorite character!

As a cosplayer, I have learnt a lot from the experience. We have to prepare our costumes on our own. The preparation is not all plain sailing. There are a multitude of problems that you have to overcome, like how to cut a wig, how to apply make-up or how to make props. I searched a lot of information and tried on different combinations. It was hard, but it was fun. It was definitely worth it.

The only drawback of the event is that the venue was really hot. Cosplayers need to wear heavy clothes and a wig and so they easily feel exhausted. Still, the rainbow gala is a really good event for everyone. I strongly recommend you join if Japanese culture is your passion.



Johnny Depp won defamation case against Amber Heard

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The defamation trial between Johnny Depp and Amber Heard has been in the public spotlight recently. The proliferation of the public's attention was due to the YouTube live of the trial. The accumulated views for the first 11 days exceeded 50 million views. For the first time ever, a court case was reviewed by netizens from all over the world, naming it the most 'entertaining' court case.

Why did Johnny Depp avoid suing Amber Heard in the first place?

Depp's childhood was full of misery. His mother with emotional control issues would throw the ashtray towards him when she became mad. His wife's aggressive behaviors reminded Depp of his mother. He could not face it. Bearing in mind that the trial may last for months, he dared not reveal his scar to the public and season it with extra salt. He was in pain mentally.

Johnny's Humor (excerpts)

The lawyer asked if Depp was drinking heavily back then. He questioned, 'Were you there?' The lawyer then demanded Depp answer his question directly to save time. 'But you have taken 5 minutes to look for documents,' Depp retaliated.

Depp commented, 'Amber made me suffer...she even made me watch Justice League in 2017.'

Depp was asked, 'You are a lot bigger than Amber, correct? Physically.' He responded, 'I wouldn't say that.' Heard almost busted out laughing. (Heard works out a lot and is quite fit actually.)

Ben Rottenborn queried Depp if he drank whiskey every morning. Depp joked, 'Isn't it happy hour anytime?'



Hearsay

Amber's lawyer stopped Depp multiple times when he was answering questions and attacked that it was hearsay. Thereafter, Depp either paused after every sentence and waited for her to restate the hearsay claim or repeated 'this is hearsay I guess' before replying to each question. One time, Johnny even admitted, 'Yes I looked at the papers. Maybe they are hearsay paper.' Everyone in the court cackled.

Influence of fan culture

According to Rappler, fans' claim about Depp and Amber was rather polar. Deep's fans argued that Depp was the ultimate victim because the whole case tainted his career, while Heard was a 'psychopath' and a 'monster'. Cyberbullying worsened throughout the trial. Depp's fans passionately defended him and cheered alongside him while edited shorts and memes of Heard's reactions in the court filled the internet.



However, violence is a subjective concept, especially when those fans, who don't possibly know Depp in person, have an exceptionally high possibility of making biased personal judgements.

'Love isn't blind, it sees but it just doesn't mind.' Fans often assumed their acknowledgement of all the details with a limited amount of online videos.

Mirror: The Trendsetter of Hong Kong

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Some people should know by now the boy group Mirror via the ViuTV reality contest 'Good Night Show'. However, I believe that most Hongkongers know them by their hit songs and recognize them as the symbolic boy group of Hong Kong.

Let us begin with their story since their debut. The Cantopop boy band Mirror debuts on the 3rd of November in 2018, with 12 members, along with Ahfa Wong as their manager. Soon, they pulled off their first debut single namely 'In a second'. Long ago, Mirror kicked off their first-ever concert, a live concert, at the Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre Star



Hall in late December, breaking the history of the fastest Cantopop bands to hold concerts within 49 days. They have also released 5 singles in the follow-up years. One of their songs 'Ignited' even received 2 awards which are the Ultimate Song Chart Awards and the inaugural Chill Club Awards. Thenceforth, in the year 2021, many of the members started their solo activities and collaborations with a few singles coming up. What's more, Anson Lo won the 2021 Mnet Asia Music Awards award and Keung To is acknowledged as one of the most influential Asians. They had a concert in May and another one is coming in June with a total of 6 dates.

Recently there's been quite a lot of news associated with Mirror as they are about to hold another concert in July. However, there have been some systematic errors during the registration process, therefore most people in the fandom were not able to buy their tickets on time. The incident actually has led to some tension in the fandom, mostly because some of their fan clubs have been really furious about the ticket-buying procedure since MIROs paid a high price to obtain their membership and ended up not getting many advantages compared to non-members. Apart from the concert issue, on a positive note, fans have been celebrating the members' birthdays by hanging up huge banners and advertisements in urban areas that attract quite a lot of people.

If you ask me if Mirror has made a huge impact on the music industry, the short answer is yes. Since Mirror's debut, they have been producing great songs and have often topped music charts. Members have been winning awards on a streak with their delightful songs. Some of them have even joined some drama gigs as a lead or supporting characters!

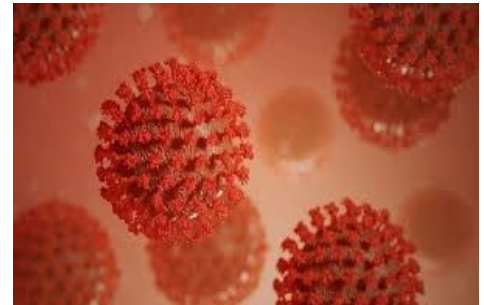
Just a slight reminder— our school is holding a debate about the rising of Mirror in the next assembly! Stay tuned!



Retrospect and Prospect: Timeline of Omicron Variant

The day our parties go up in smoke...

While people were gathering for Christmas parties at the very end of December 2021, the Omicron quietly entered Hong Kong. Three out of five Omicron confirmed Cathay Pacific flight crews failed to follow the pandemic preventive rules, carrying an unprecedented virus into the community, and causing the 5th outbreak of Covid 19.



Government's action against the shock

The government has legislated the 'Leave Home Save' app and made it mandatory to download. Citizens have to scan QR codes before entering designated places, to record their whereabouts and give out immediate pandemic information.

Later on, the government announced the 'Vaccine Pass'. Citizens have to be vaccinated before specific dates; otherwise, they won't be able to visit some public places, such as restaurants, shopping malls, and recreation centres.

The Unpredictable Special Holidays

The 'special holidays' arrangement was adopted in mid-March — some were happy, but more were not. The government considered making good use of the special holidays to conduct a compulsory testing direction, hoping to fully control the epidemic. Although this special holiday has cut our studies in half, it is undeniably a great opportunity to monitor whether we can stay disciplined and urge ourselves to take responsibility.

The indelible memory...

Due to the large-scale outbreak of H.A.N.D.S. nearby, all citizens who visited the area had to undergo 6 days of mandatory testing. The longest waiting record on that day was as long as 6 hours, and there were many of our students. Let's give a big round of applause to all of you who persisted!

What next?

Out of desperation, we must abide by the government's guidelines to help drive away the epidemic as soon as possible. Although we have been on our knees ever since the epidemic broke out, we shouldn't be dragged down by idleness, but instead hold on to that ray of hope. Time and age wait for no man, therefore we should grasp the moment and fight to carry on.

Teletubbies

4C Lam Man Hei (20)



Teletubbies, which is a children's programme series that ended in 2001, has caught people's attention once again. On 22 May, a five-year-old boy broke a golden Teletubby display in *Kkplus* in Langham Place. Ridiculously, the family was asked to pay \$33600 to the shop to pay for the damage. Even though the boy was guilty of this incident, it has been challenged that the Teletubby display should not be worth that huge amount of money. Netizens have pointed out that the display

should have been placed in a safer place if it was that valuable, where the customers would not be able to touch or even break it. Many people started to stand with the family and called for a refund to the boy's family because of the unreasonable price. Finally, *Kkplus* refunded all the money to the family and made an apology to the public.

This news definitely made a splash in Hong Kong. Yet, most of the citizens' attention was not paid to the Teletubbies. For kids who lived in the 1990s, the Teletubbies TV programme series was one of their childhood memories. The 4 Teletubbies in different colours rapidly got popular among those aged between 1 and 5. Not only in their place of origin, Britain, but they had also gained popularity around the world. The great success generated over £1 billion (\$1.6 billion) in merchandise sales. What a massive amount of income!

Simultaneously, not only do the Teletubbies have different colours, but they also have their unique characteristics and appearances. Tinky Winky, the largest and oldest among them, is the purple one who always wears a red handbag and a triangular antenna on his hand. Dipsy, on the other hand, is the green and the most stubborn one with a dipstick antenna. He always refuses to go along with others. As directors have said that he is black, his face is generally darker than the other three. Always wearing a hat in black-and-white colour is the most significant part of him. Laa-Laa is the yellow one with a curly antenna. She is a sweet person and has a serious liking for singing and dancing. Po is the shortest and the youngest Teletubby, who is red. She usually speaks softly and has an antenna shaped like a stick used for blowing soap bubbles. Her favourite toy is a blue and pink scooter. How cute is that? There is a television in every Teletubby to show the daily lives of real babies. This TV programme aims to attract little kids so the whole story is simply about how the Teletubbies play together and make fun!

There are some interesting facts about these Teletubbies. The idea of Teletubbies came from astronauts. The producers created Teletubbies because of the similarities between astronauts and babies in walking and the desire for exploration of the things around them. The Teletubbies who can only be seen on a small screen television are around 2 to 3 meters tall in real life! These giants were not produced by CG since there was no such advanced technology at that time. Actors needed to wear huge costumes and run and play like children under the sun. Moreover, the island for Teletubbies to live on was not simply made by animation. BBC filmed the series on a real island in England and built a house as the place for Teletubbies to live in. Sadly the house was demolished because the landowner did not want to be disturbed by fans of Teletubbies. Do you remember the baby's smiling face in the sun that appears at the beginning and the end of each episode? She is now officially 20 years old. Time flies, right?



Underrated Singers Arising from the Ultimate Song Chart Awards Presentation

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2021 has been a remarkable year for the Hong Kong music scene as many famous songs have been produced and played everywhere. Hong Kong people are starting to pay more attention to local music production. New blood has brought a fresh look to the local music industry and hence attracted more people from different age groups and with different preferences towards music. The Ultimate Song Chart Awards Presentation reflects a review of their performance. Let's look through it and find out the underrated music influencers.



The first group I want to introduce is *RubberBand*. They were awarded the Supreme Song Award for 'Ciao'. 'Ciao' is a meaningful song about farewell. In the past two years, you perhaps have experienced many moments when you have to say goodbye to your relatives and companions. 'Ciao' means not only 'Goodbye' but also 'Hello'. The lyrics, '說了再見 約定再見 就會再見', hope to give the audience strength. Though it may be a long period of separation, there will be a chance for you to meet again.

Another group of celebrities that creates a new trend is *MC \$oHo & Kidney* from the YouTube channel 'Trial and Error'. Their first single "係咁先啦" is set in the 80's. The song seems to illustrate the struggle to leave the party, but it is a metaphor for immigration. As the theme of the song echoes the situation of Hong Kong, when more people leave Hong Kong, listeners expressed sympathy. Together with the catchy melody and down-to-earth lyrics, it has become one of the most looped songs throughout the year. If you haven't listened to this, don't be surprised if you are called outdated!

Last but not least, I am going to introduce *Gareth.T*. He is hailed as the most potential R&B singer-songwriter in the new generation. He is full of musical talent and has an unforgettable unique voice and style. His special taste in music brings variations to Cantopop. For example, he wrote three songs for Keung To of MIRROR, which received positive comments. He gradually established his retro style. Although he wasn't awarded in this year's ceremony, his effort will surely be recognized in the future.



The development of Cantopop in recent years is like a hundred flowers in bloom, like ten thousand horses galloping ahead. Every inch of support from the locals is the motivation for performers and producers. Let us continue to look forward to the further progress of our precious culture and wish for a booming and bright future!

Our schoolmates' original poems

Let's now enjoy the masterpieces from the junior forms and see what they created from their English Language Arts lessons.

3B(20) Man Sum Ha

Black and white

White is bright, like a light house.
 White is not contaminated, like a Lotus
 White is cleanliness, like a white paper.
 White is innocent, like a child.
 Black is mystery, like a night elves
 Black is tolerate, like the sea.
 Black is hopeless, like prefigure.
 Black is death, like the end of our life

3B (10) Yan Kiu Ko

Enigma of white

white is the colour at hope,
 as fragile as it can be.
 white is the colour of bliss,
 as it drapes on winter trees.
 white is the colour of fresh linen sheets
 protecting you from the breeze.
 white is the colour of porcelain vases,
 flowers placed in each
 Yet, white is the colour of a blank canvas,
 with hesitation it brings.
 such vulnerable sense of colour.
 white seems to be
 white is the colour of numbness,
 from the cold and from my thoughts.
 white is the colour that makes you feel lost,
 how bitter sweet, how odd.

Black

3B (28) Yiu Cheuk Ki

Black, following me everywhere
 But it's not what you think it is
 Not 'devil', Not 'hell'
 Nor sinful, nor vicious
 The light in me I hereby declare
 Guiding me through my darkest times
 Calming me down when I've lost my mind
 Just like the sound from an autumn chime
~~PENETRATING~~ all fears I've got inside
 So many rules out in the sun, unsaid
 Abiding all of that is exhausting and dull
 Then why not lie in the shadow instead
 Forever it will be loyal to me
 Black is not only the color for evil
 But with a rather calming tone indeed
 Take a look into the deep dark sky
 You might find your inner peace within

3B (17) Liew Ambrose

Colour White

White is emptiness, like an empty space.
 White is loneliness, like an empty apartment.
 White is silence, like an empty concert.
 White is depression, like an empty glass.
 White is the beginning of a story.
 White is the peacefulness of the world.
 White is the pureness of a white robe.
 White is the end of a story.

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3B(10) Ko Yan Kiu

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3A (5) Chow Wing Lam

Black and White

The blackness of the surroundings undermined me,
ducking out of the reality.
As black as the anxiety,
as white as serenity.
The black clouds rained.
Everything got coloured.
I looked at the sky,
and white appeared.
Smile with its shimmer,
Black is brittle while white is sweet.
A cozy wind blew and black was gone.
Left the white with a lively scene.
Let's wake up and have a yawn.

3A (22) Siu Tsz Shun : **CHILDHOOD**

1. White is when a pure soul arrived Earth.
White is for the tissues I wet when I cry.
White is when I apply lotion every day and night
White is for the cotton candy I see every morning
in the sky.
2. White is when my teacher asked a question.
White is for my face when I first see a hound.
White is when I play Ghost in a halloween party.
White is for my certificates allowing me to bound.
3. White is when I have uncountable word files in my computer.
White is for the sun's footprints on my new car.
White is when my wife wore her gown in the wedding.
White is for the street lights standing beside on the way
to the bar.
4. White is when my hair is falling off my head.
White is for my vision getting worse.
White is when I see the cross symbol after a deep sleep.
White is for my cold fingertips bidding farewell to the
universe
5. And this, is life.

1B (27) Wang Xue Qi

Wang Xue Qi
Suki

Losing my mobile phone is like
losing my soul
my mobile phone is like the air and
water I can't live without it,
it is a necessity of my life

Hope is a lamp.
To light the way in night
Hope is the sun
The sunlight will fill the world
Hope is 'brave'
will give you something to keep you going.

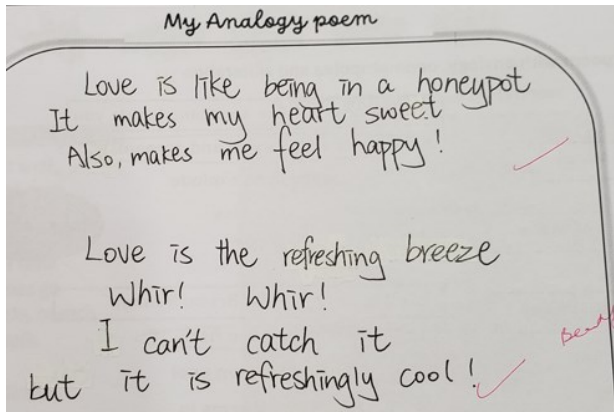
1B (7) Huang Candace

"Hope"

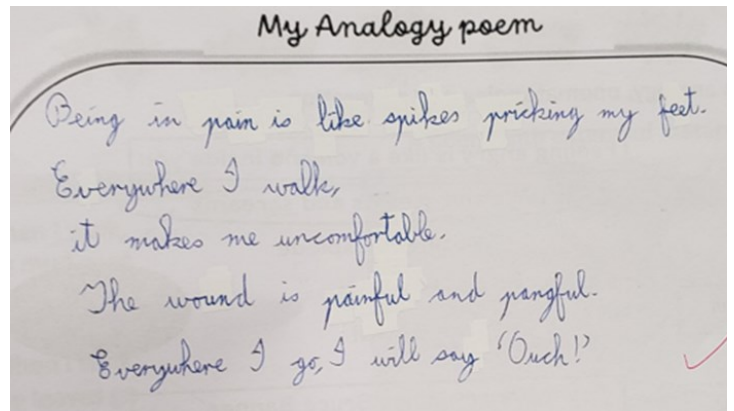
Hope is a beam of light.
Is a beam of light illuminating my heart
It's the firefly in the dark forest.
Is the bright moon at night.
Is the sun high in the daytime.
It is a lamp for reading.
It's a light fire.
Hope can be anything.

Our schoolmates' original poems

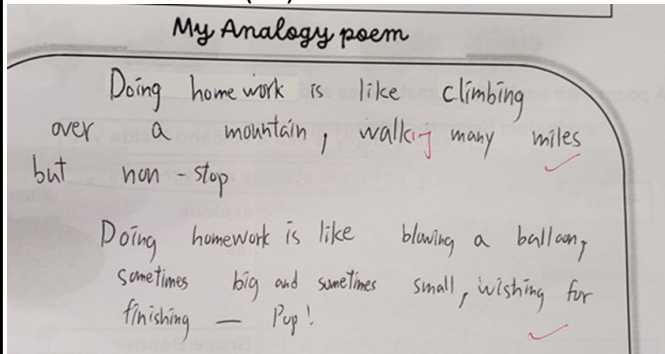
1C (20) Ni Ching Laam



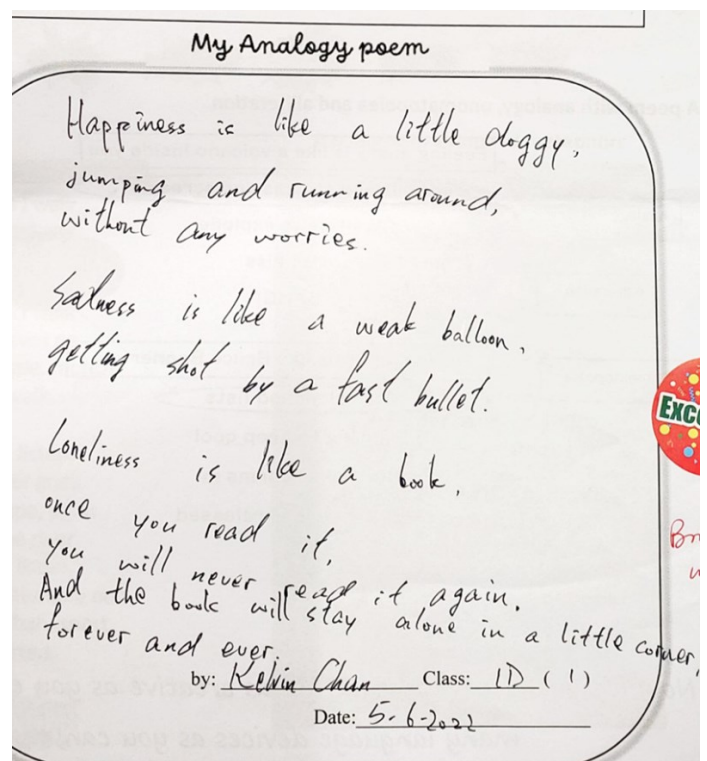
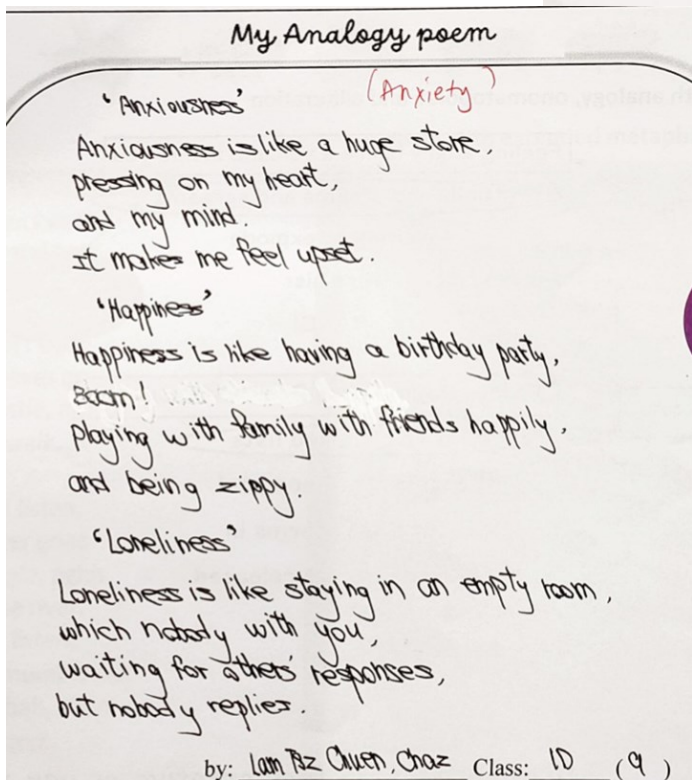
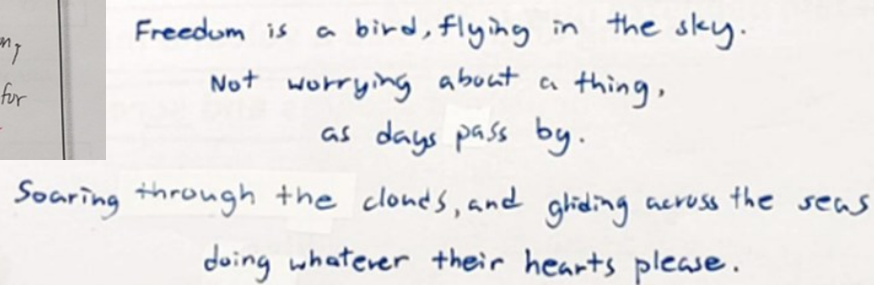
1C (2) Chan Kai Bon Jacob



1C (13) Kwan Sum Yau



1D (5) Chan Yin Chun



1A (27) Ye Zijing

You are like comb to my hair
 Without you my life is messy
 You are like ~~sau~~ soysauce to my fried rice
 Without you I'd be tasteless
 You are like chopstick to my noodle
 Without you I could do nothing

1A (29) Samuel Yeung Chun Yip

If spring (season) was a person it would be a boy with a twig in his hands (description of person)
Spring (season) would wear a vest, short pair and a pair of slippers
Spring (season) would smell like leaves grass and love of nature
Spring (season) would spend the day playing with butterflies and bees
Spring (season) would spend the night staring at the sky ✓

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