Phonics Centers Pack

Lesson 20: The Hot Rod (-od)

Print on card stock and laminate. Cut along the dashed lines.
Every activity uses this lesson's words.

In this pack:

Word Family Houses

Sort the word cards into the house with the matching ending.

Clip the Word

Look at the picture. Clip a clothespin on the word that matches. Flip the card or use the answer key to check.

Word and Picture Puzzles

Match each picture piece to its word piece. The cut edges only fit the right pair.

Real or Silly Words

Read each card. If it is a real word, put it in the Real pile. If it is a made-up word, put it in the Silly pile.

Phonics Dominoes

Lay the dominoes in a loop. A picture must touch its word. The last domino goes back to the first.

Change One Sound

Start with the first word. Change the first sound to the letter in the circle and read the new word. Write each new word on the recording mat.

Sound Box Challenge

Say the picture word slowly. Write one sound in each box, then write the whole word on the line.

Read, Build, Write

Read the word. Build it with the letter tiles. Write it on the line. Cut out the tiles on the second page.

Missing Middle Sound

Look at the picture and say the word. Clip the clothespin on the vowel that is missing from the middle.

Word Hunt

Hide the word cards around the room. Hunt for a card, read it, and place it under the matching picture on the mat.

Word Family Wheels

Cut out the cover and the wheel. Fasten the centers together with a brass fastener. Turn the wheel to read each word.

Phonics Memory Match

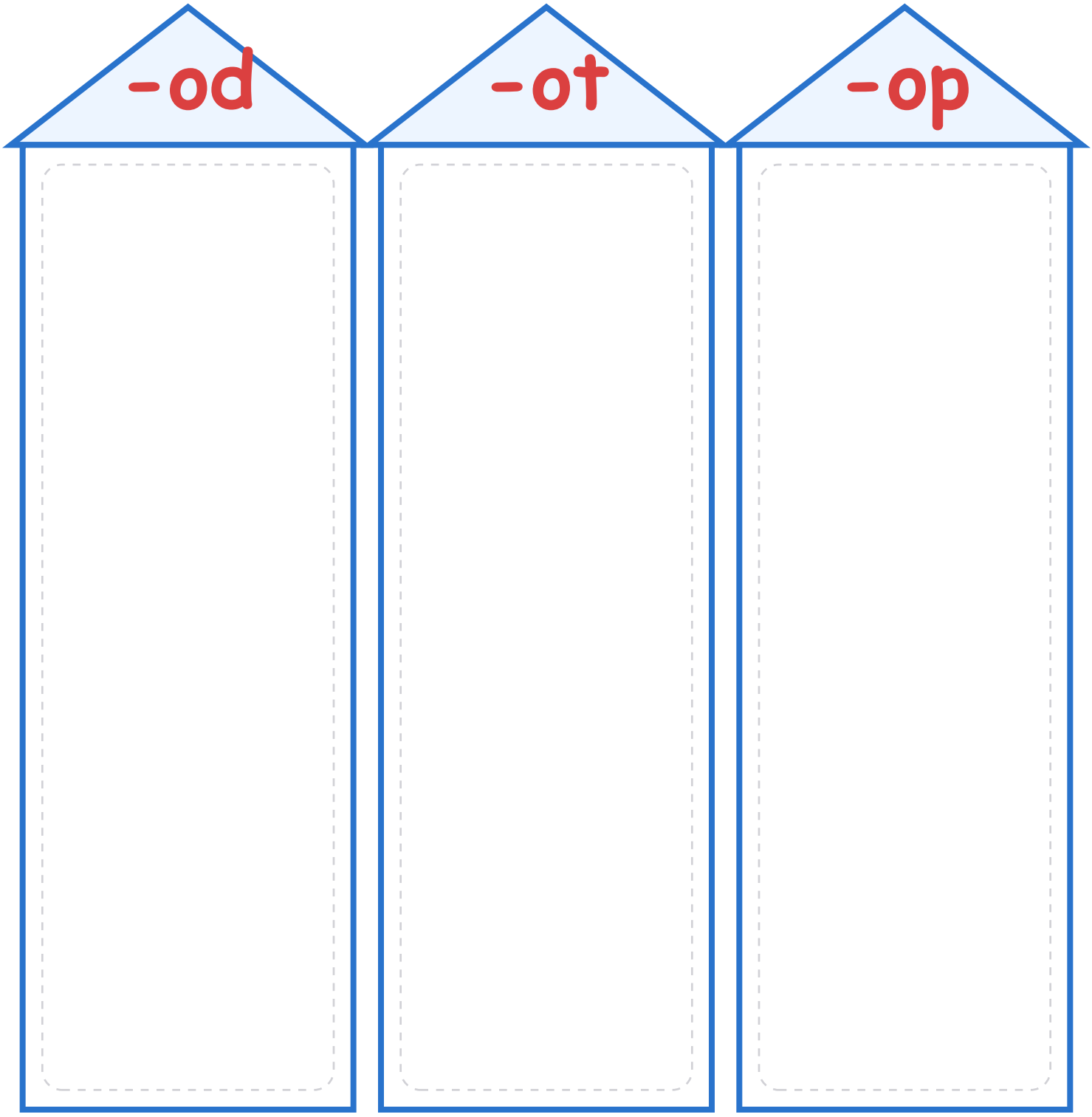
Lay all the cards face down. Turn over two cards. If a picture matches its word, keep the pair.

Also for this lesson on the lesson page: story and homework, flashcards, word building picture cards, Write the Room, bingo and sight word games.

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Word Family Houses: Sorting Mat

Read each word card. Put it in the house where it lives. Cut out the cards on the next page.



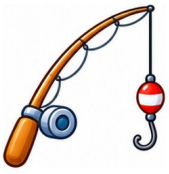
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Word Family Houses: Word Cards

Cut out the cards. Sort them onto the houses by their ending.



nod



rod



sod



dot



hot



pot



cop



hop



mop



pop



top

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Clip the Word

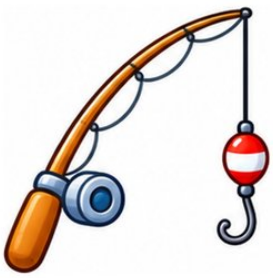
Cut out the cards. Look at the picture. Clip a clothespin on the word that matches it.



nod

rod

sod



sod

nod

rod



rod

sod

nod

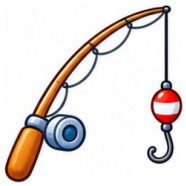
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Clip the Word: Answer Key

The correct word for each picture.



nod



rod



sod

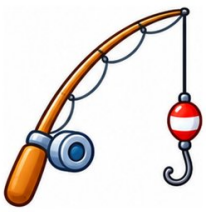
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Word and Picture Puzzles

Cut each card along the zigzag line. Mix the pieces. Match every picture to its word.



nod



rod



sod

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Real or Silly Words: Sorting Mat

Sound out each card. Real words go on the left. Silly (made-up) words go on the right.



Real word



Silly word

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Real or Silly Words: Word Cards

Cut out the cards. Mix them up. A teacher key is at the bottom of this page.

yod	rod	zod
sod	nod	vod

Teacher key Real: nod, rod, sod
Silly: zod, vod, yod

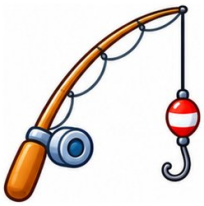
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Phonics Dominoes

Cut out the dominoes. Mix them up. Join picture to word until the loop is complete.



rod



sod



nod

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Change One Sound: Word Chains

Cut out the strips. Read the first word. Change the first sound to the letter in each circle. Read the new word aloud.

nod → (r) → (s)

rod → (s) → (n)

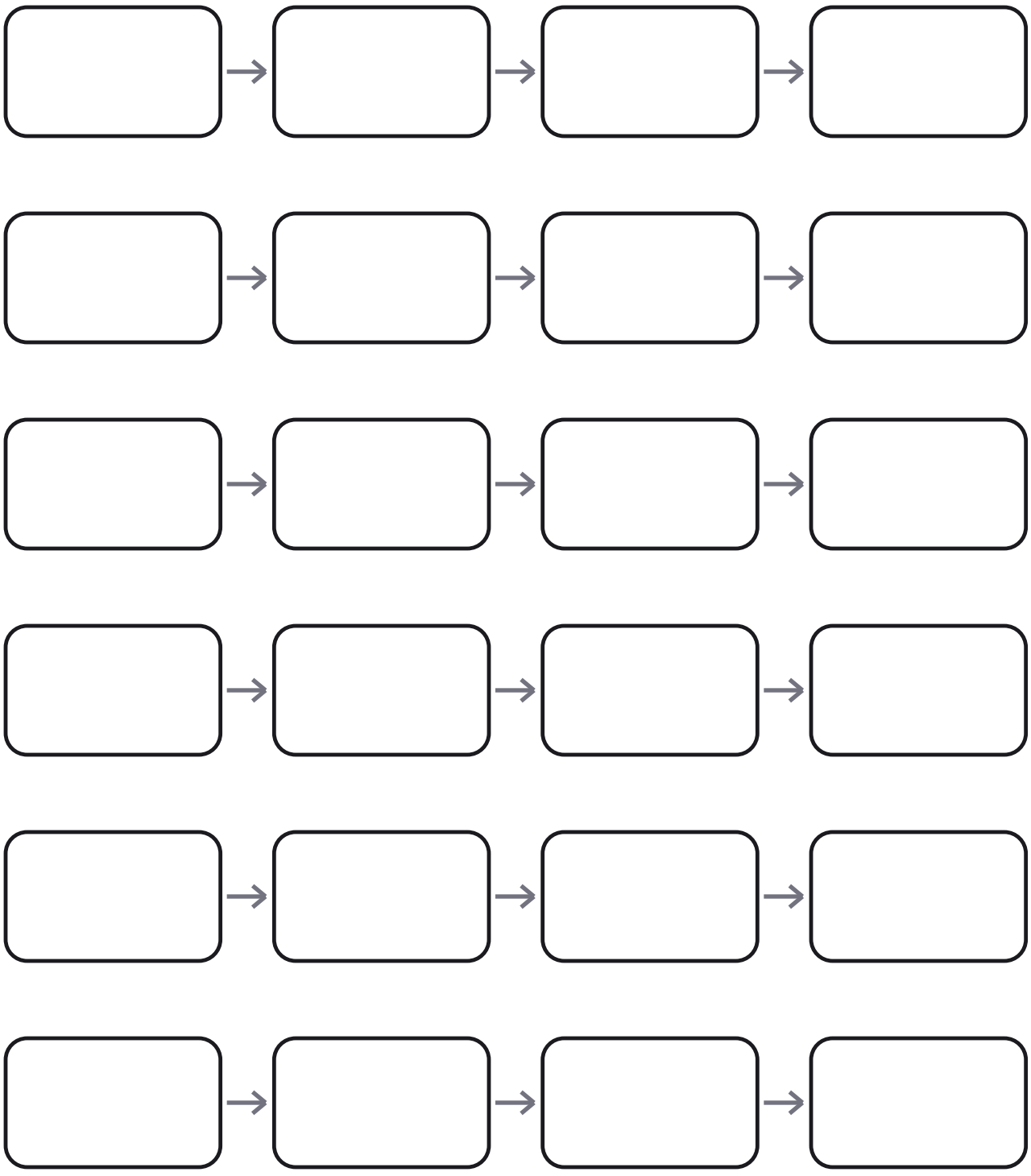
sod → (n) → (r)

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Change One Sound: Recording Mat

Write the first word, then change one sound each time and write the new word.

Name: _____



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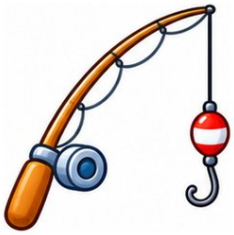
Sound Box Challenge

Say the word slowly. Write one sound in each box. Then write the whole word on the line.

Name: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____

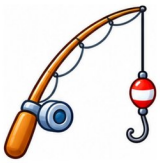
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Sound Box Challenge: Answer Key

One box for each sound. A magic e shares a box with its consonant.



n | o | d



r | o | d



s | o | d

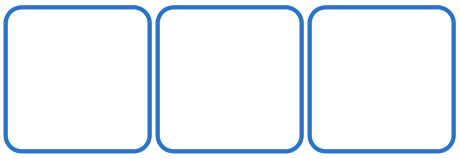
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Read, Build, Write

Read the word in the first box. Build it with letter tiles. Write it on the line.

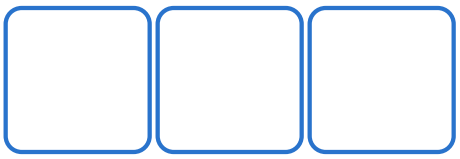
Name: _____

Read **Build**

nod 

Write _____

Read **Build**

rod 

Write _____

Read **Build**

sod 

Write _____

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Read, Build, Write: Letter Tiles

Cut out the tiles. Vowels are red.

o	d	n	r	s

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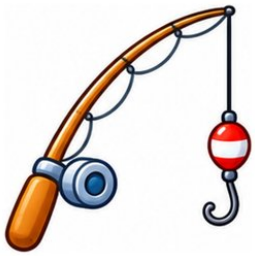
Missing Middle Sound

Cut out the cards. Say the word. Clip a clothespin on the missing vowel.



n_d

o u a



r_d

u a o



s_d

o u e

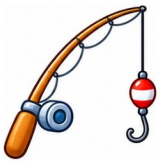
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Missing Middle Sound: Answer Key

The missing vowel for each picture.



nOd



rOd



sOd

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Word Hunt: Word Cards

Cut out the cards. Hide them around the room. Children hunt, read, and take the cards to the mat.

nod	rod	sod

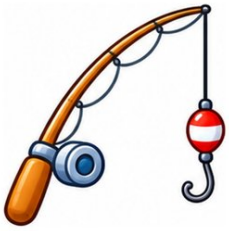
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Word Hunt: Matching Mat

Place each word card (or write the word) under its picture.

Name: _____



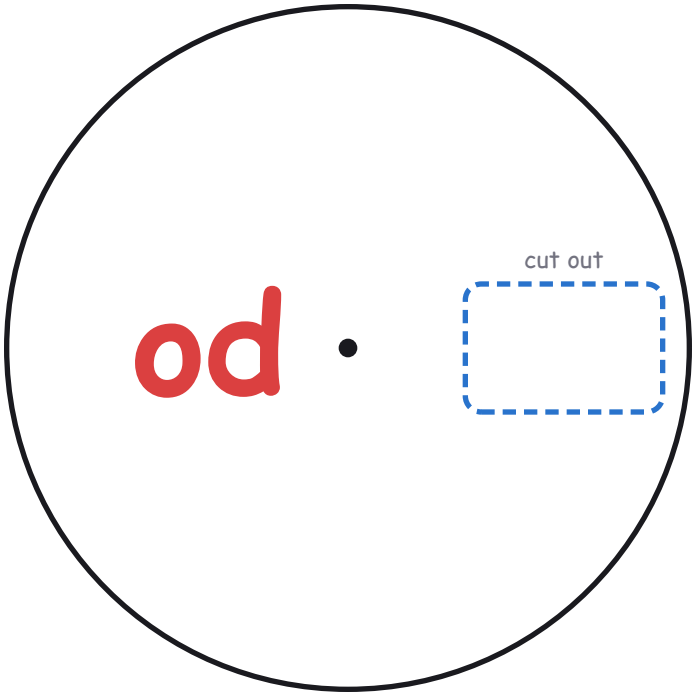


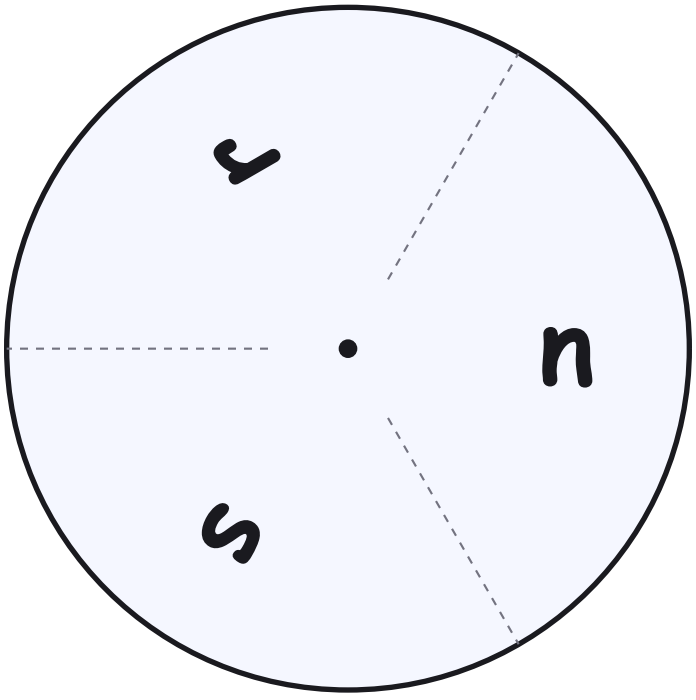


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Word Family Wheel: -od

Cut out both circles. Cut out the window in the cover. Push a brass fastener through the two center dots.
Turn the bottom wheel. Read each word through the window.



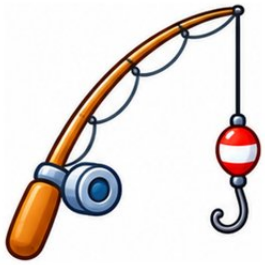


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Phonics Memory Match

Cut out the cards. Mix them up and lay them face down. Turn over two. A picture and its word make a match.







nod

rod

sod

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