

Words convey concepts that embody meanings of features and manifestations of the world. Increase word power and at once the power to intimately understand, to accurately portray, and to powerfully participate in the events that give the world its form and integrity will be yours.

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D*aily*

V*ocabulary*

C*hallenge II*

Instructions:

Each day's vocabulary challenge entry should be read aloud with the students. The students are to be given the following instruction: Listen carefully to today's reading and make mental notes of all you hear. Put forth your best effort to understand and remember each word, its part of speech, its definition, and the sample sentence. After five daily exposures to each word, that word and its defining parts will disappear from the list. After ten words have been presented five times, a QUICK QUIZ will be available. Fear not: it should be an easy "A" for all! Enjoy your **Daily Vocabulary Challenge, alias DVC II!**

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2.	abdicate	_____	b.	Lacking concern; non emotional
3.	aberration	_____	c.	Something that differs from the norm
4.	ballad	_____	d.	Pompous, excessively confident
5.	apathetic	_____	e.	To aid, assist, or encourage
6.	boisterous	_____	f.	To give up a position
7.	bombastic	_____	g.	To humiliate; to degrade
8.	boon	_____	h.	A love song
9.	abet	_____	i.	Loud and full of energy
10.	brazen	_____	j.	Gift or blessing

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2.	Crescendo	_____	b.	Intentional; reflecting consideration
3.	Criteria	_____	c.	Harmful
4.	Culmination	_____	d.	No longer used or existing
5.	Culpable	_____	e.	To hand over responsibility
6.	Deft	_____	f.	Deserving blame
7.	Defunct	_____	g.	Standards of judgment
8.	Delegate	_____	h.	Readiness to believe
9.	Deleterious	_____	i.	A steady increase in volume / intensity
10.	Deliberate	_____	j.	The climax

Answer Key II:

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4.	Exculpate	_____	d.	A trip or outing
5.	Excursion	_____	e.	To dig out of the ground
6.	Feral	_____	f.	Inconsistent; shifting in character
7.	Fervent	_____	g.	Having a foul odor
8.	Fetid	_____	h.	Wild or savage
9.	Fetter	_____	i.	Ardent; passionate
10.	Fickle	_____	j.	To chain or restrain

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02.	Gratuitous	_____	b.	A break or gap in duration
3.	Gregarious	_____	c.	Varied or diverse in character
4.	Grievous	_____	d.	Supposed or assumed to be true
5.	Guile	_____	e.	A system with ranked groups
6.	Heterogeneous	_____	f.	Deceitfulness; cunning; sly behavior
7.	Hiatus	_____	g.	Injurious or hurtful
8.	Hierarchy	_____	h.	On a magnificent or exaggerated scale
9.	Hypocrisy	_____	i.	Uncalled for or unwarranted
10.	Hypothetical	_____	j.	Sociable; drawn to other's company

Answer Key IV:

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QUICK QUIZ V

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2.	Insidious	_____	b.	The solemn sound of a bell
3.	Insinuate	_____	c.	Having or exercising sound judgment
4.	Inspid	_____	d.	Praise for an achievement
5.	Insolent	_____	e.	Incapable of being satisfied
6.	Jubilant	_____	f.	Extremely joyful; happy
7.	Judicious	_____	g.	Appealing, but harmful, seductive
8.	Juxtaposition	_____	h.	Rude; arrogant; overbearing
9.	Knell	_____	i.	Dull boring
10.	Kudos	_____	j.	To suggest indirectly or subtly

Answer Key V:

(1)e; (2)g; (3)j; (4)i; (5)h; (6)f; (7)c; (8)a; (9)b; (10)d

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QUICK QUIZ VI

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1.	Laceration	_____	a.	Diverse; varied
2.	Laconic	_____	b.	A destructive whirlpool
3.	Languid	_____	c.	A cut or tear
4.	Larceny	_____	d.	Hidden, but capable of being exposed
5.	Latent	_____	e.	To show plainly
6.	Maelstrom	_____	f.	A curse
7.	Malediction	_____	g.	An authoritative command
8.	Mandate	_____	h.	Sluggish from fatigue
9.	Manifest	_____	i.	Terse (short) in speech or writing
10.	Manifold	_____	j.	Using theft or trickery to gain property

Answer Key V:

(1)c; (2)i; (3)h; (4)j; (5)d; (6)b; (7)f; (8)g; (9)e; (10)a

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5. obsolete (adj.) no longer used, out of date

The type writer has become an obsolete business tool.

QUICK QUIZ VII

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1.	Medley	_____	a.	A mixture of different things
2.	Mendacious	_____	b.	Relating to the night
3.	Mercurial	_____	c.	Indifference; lacking concern
4.	Meritorious	_____	d.	The change of form shape or substance
5.	Metamorphosis	_____	e.	Having a lying, false character
6.	Nocturnal	_____	f.	Worthy of esteem or reward
7.	Noisome	_____	g.	Rapid change or temperament
8.	Nomadic	_____	h.	Trifling or insignificant
9.	Nominal	_____	i.	Unpleasant to the sense of smell
10.	Nonchalant	_____	j.	Wandering from place to place

Answer Key VII:

(1)a; (2)e; (3)g; (4)f; (5)d; (6)b; (7)i; (8)j; (9)h; (10)c

Day LXXV

1. oblivious (adj.) lacking consciousness or awareness of something

The naive travelers were oblivious to the tactics of the big city slickers.

2. obscure (adj.) unclear, partially hidden

Though the markings were obscure, our linguists were able to decode most of them.

3. obsequious (adj.) excessively compliant or submissive

The imprisoned women were strangely obsequious to their captors, suggesting some type of mind control.

4. obsolete (adj.) no longer used, out of date

The typewriter has become an obsolete business tool.

5. obstinate (adj.) not yielding easily, very stubborn

Even after hours of enhanced interrogation, the spies remained obstinate and closed mouthed.

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5. **rail (v.) to scold, protest**

The tenured teachers began to rail against the lack of a cost of living increase.

QUICK QUIZ VIII

Match each target term with its denotation by placing the letter adjacent to the denotation on the line adjacent to the equivalent target term.

1.	Oblivious	_____	a.	Unclear; partially hidden
2.	Obscure	_____	b.	No longer used; out of date
3.	Obsequious	_____	c.	Practical
4.	Obsolete	_____	d.	To prevent
5.	Obstinate	_____	e.	Lacking consciousness or awareness
6.	Potentate	_____	f.	Compliant or submissive
7.	Pragmatic	_____	g.	Very stubborn
8.	Precipice	_____	h.	Having a pointed sharp quality
9.	Preclude	_____	i.	The face of a cliff
10.	Pungent	_____	j.	A ruler of great power

Answer Key VIII:

(1)e; (2)a; (3)f; (4)b; (5)g; (6)j; (7)c; (8)i; (9)d; (10)h

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5. raucous (adj.) loud, boisterous

Maria's raucous friends were over again last night, laughing, cursing, and singing their naughty songs.

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5. raze (v.) to demolish, level

The demolition crew was called in to raze the condemned building before the hurricane season arrived.

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QUICK QUIZ IX

Match each target term with its denotation by placing the letter adjacent to the denotation on the line adjacent to the equivalent target term.

1.	Quaint	_____	a.	Charmingly old-fashioned
2.	Querulous	_____	b.	Whiny; complaining
3.	Quotidian	_____	c.	Bitter resentment
4.	Rail	_____	d.	Harmony; mutual understanding
5.	Rancid	_____	e.	Daily
6.	Rancor	_____	f.	To scold or protest
7.	Rapport	_____	g.	Having a terrible taste or smell
8.	Rash	_____	h.	To demolish or level
9.	Raucous	_____	i.	Loud or boisterous
10.	Raze	_____	j.	Hasty incautious

Answer Key IX:

(1)a; (2)b; (3)e; (4)f; (5)g; (6)c; (7)d; (8)j; (9)i; (10)h

Day XCV

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QUICK QUIZ X

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1.	Sagacity	_____	a.	Recklessness; audacity
2.	Salient	_____	b.	Dull; boring
3.	Salutation	_____	c.	Equivalent in value or significance
4.	Salve	_____	d.	Peevish; not inclined to talk
5.	Sanctimonious	_____	e.	Expressed without words
6.	Tacit	_____	f.	Shrewdness
7.	Taciturn	_____	g.	Pretending to be sanctified and holy
8.	Tantamount	_____	h.	A soothing balm
9.	Tedious	_____	i.	A greeting
10.	Temerity	_____	j.	Significant; conspicuous

Answer Key X:

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5. vindicate (v.) to avenge; to free from allegation; to set free

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Day CX

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5. wily (adj.) crafty, sly

In nature, once an animal escapes an attacker's first assault, it becomes much more wily and cunning.

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QUICK QUIZ XI

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2.	Uncanny	_____	b.	To set free
3.	Undulate	_____	c.	To defame or lower in importance
4.	Usurp	_____	d.	Watchful; alert
5.	Utopia	_____	e.	Experiencing through another
6.	Vicarious	_____	f.	An imaginary place of perfection
7.	Vigilant	_____	g.	To take possession without a right
8.	Vilify	_____	h.	To move in waves
9.	Vindicate	_____	i.	Existing everywhere; widespread
10.	Vindictive	_____	j.	Of supernatural character or origin

Answer Key XI:

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TARGET DVC II Terms (sequentially defined & illustrated)

1. **abase (v.) to humiliate, to degrade**

Though Brutus, a twice-held-back bully, tried his best to verbally abase Travis and the kids he played with, nothing he said seemed to matter to any of them.

2. **abdicate (v.) to give up a position, usually one of great power or authority**

When King John realized that his enemies would ultimately win, he abdicated his throne and hid himself away.

3. **aberration (n.) something that differs from what's normal**

The doctor's ill-tempered behavior was thought to be nothing more than an aberration, that is, until it continued for a full calendar year.

4. **abet (v.) to aid, assist, encourage**

The spy escaped only because he had a secret friend on the inside to aid and abet his efforts.

5. **apathetic (adj.) lacking concern, non-emotional**

Disinterested in academics, Kerry was totally apathetic about the causes of the rise and fall of the Roman Empire.

6. **ballad (n.) a love song**

I wrote a ballad for the love of my life; however, the love of my life wrote one for someone else!

7. **boisterous (adj.) loud and full of energy**

The cheerleaders were incredibly boisterous during the pep rally last night.

8. **bombastic (adj.) excessively confident, pompous**

The entertainer's bombastic comments caused the audience to boo and hiss.

9. **boon (n.) a gift or blessing**

The bad weather has erased the boon in business that the income tax refunds fueled.

10. brazen (adj.) excessively bold, brash

The invaders' brazen attack took the fort by surprise; no one survived.

11. credulity (n.) readiness to believe

Ted's credulity made him and his all-too naive cousin really easy victims.

12. crescendo (n.) a steady increase in intensity or volume

The crescendo of the bass drum started to sound like the heartbeat of an angry giant.

13. criteria (n.) standards by which something is judged

Seldom do entering freshman meet the criteria set for leadership on the council.

14. culmination (n.) the climax toward which something progresses

The culmination of all our efforts, we hope, will be the installing of a person we can all respect and admire.

15. culpable (adj.) deserving blame

The driver was found to be just as culpable as the shooter; thus, they both will be locked up for quite some time.

16. deft (adj.) skillful, capable

Milton's deft attempt at humor was a sensational surprise; no one knew about his wit.

17. defunct (adj.) no longer used or existing

The divorced man spoke of his defunct marriage with the most baleful sigh.

18. delegate (v.) to hand over responsibility for something

The principal delegated the task of finding a new teacher to the department chairman.

19. deleterious (adj.) harmful

The deleterious effects of going without food for many days can be seen many years after the fact.

20. deliberate (adj.) intentional, reflecting careful consideration

Though Martha made a deliberate attempt to calm the situation, tempers yet burned.

21. exalt (v.) to glorify, praise

Our youth should be taught to exalt important things in life: the elderly, civil conduct, and moral laws.

22. exasperate (v.) to irritate, irk

Thomas's constant jabbering started to exasperate all of his classmates, provoking some of them to actually threaten his physical safety.

23. excavate (v.) to dig out of the ground and remove

The treasures of Solomon's mines were never excavated; for, they could never be located.

24. exculpate (v.) to free from guilt or blame, exonerate

In today's legal environment, one must have a good lawyer if one is to be exculpated from the least charge.

25. excursion (n.) a trip or outing

Our class is going on a brief excursion to the John Prince Park, as a reward for the test scores that were much better than expected.

26. feral (adj.) wild, savage

The feral hogs in the South Eastern United States are creating major ecological problems.

27. fervent (adj.) ardent, passionate

Martha's love for Quinton was fervent like the summer sun; there was no cooling it.

28. fetid (adj.) having a foul odor

The fetid stench of week-old meat saturated the butcher, and exposed him to all.

29. fetter (v.) to chain, restrain

Everyone should ensure that their yard dogs are either fenced or fettered to a tree.

30. fickle (adj.) shifting in character, inconstant

Young boys are so fickle, young girls should always be prepared for heartbreak.

31. grandiose (adj.) on a magnificent or exaggerated scale

The computer company is planning a **grandiose** celebration replete with lasers and every manner of dazzling device.

32. gratuitous (adj.) uncalled for, unwarranted

Thanks to the **gratuitous** gestures of total strangers, we were able to collect all that we needed.

33. gregarious (adj.) drawn to the company of others, sociable

The **gregarious** college kids couldn't be satisfied until they found out where the weekend party would be.

34. grievous (adj.) injurious, hurtful; serious or grave in nature

Dr. Green committed a **grievous** error in his calculations, announcing that the sun was going to explode in 2010.

35. guile (n.) deceitfulness, cunning, sly behavior

Professional con men use **guile** as easily as others use a straw to drink soda.

36. heterogeneous (adj.) varied, diverse in character

Because we were placed in **heterogeneous** groupings, variety was all we knew from day one.

37. hiatus (n.) a break or gap in duration or continuity

Benjamin's **hiatus** lasted so long everyone concluded that he wasn't planning to ever return.

38. hierarchy (n.) a system with ranked groups

In the American system of **hierarchy** and power, civil authorities are placed above military authorities, but not by much.

39. hypocrisy (n.) pretending to believe what one does not

It's very difficult for men given to truth to tolerate the **hypocrisy** that liars engage in daily.

40. hypothetical (adj.) supposed or assumed true, but unproven

Many times, the **hypothetical** enters the realm of the real when understanding matures.

41. insatiable (adj.) incapable of being satisfied

My appetite for fresh fish is truly **insatiable**; I can eat it every day of my life.

42. insidious (adj.) appealing, but imperceptibly harmful, seductive

Lisa's insidious compliments were designed to guide her victims into a false sense of security.

43. insinuate (v.) to suggest indirectly or subtly

"I didn't mean to insinuate that you weren't welcome," insisted the embarrassed host.

44. insipid (adj.) dull, boring

The show was terribly insipid from beginning to end; those who didn't fall asleep, left early.

45. insolent (adj.) rude, arrogant, overbearing

The kind of insolent behavior the boss's son showed demonstrates a lack of parental involvement and oversight in the young man's life.

46. jubilant (adj.) extremely joyful, happy

At her wedding, the bride just burst into jubilant song at the thought of actually having her perfect husband.

47. judicious (adj.) having or exercising sound judgment

Spending your grocery money on a quick trip to the casino is not very judicious at all.

48. juxtaposition (n.) two things placed beside each other for the sake of implicit comparison

The clever detective saw the subtle difference after juxtaposing the two photographs.

49. knell (n.) the solemn sound of a bell, often indicating a death

Hearing the solemn knell of the bell told everyone that Mrs. Jennie May had been finally laid to rest.

50. kudos (n.) praise for an achievement

After that incredible performance, the reviewers gave cheerful kudos to the new singer.

51. laceration (n.) a cut, tear

The accident left everyone with bruises and lacerations from head to foot.

52. laconic (adj.) terse in speech or writing

The lecturer's laconic style caused him to seem less than sympathetic to his own cause.

53. languid (adj.) sluggish from fatigue or weakness

Brandon's bout with the flu left him languid and pale, hardly able to stand.

54. larceny (n.) obtaining another's property by theft or trickery

After years of victimizing senior citizens with acts of petty larceny, Slick Willie was finally nabbed.

55. latent (adj.) hidden, but capable of being exposed

The insidious germ lay latent in its host, waiting for some other sickness to strike first and make its victim vulnerable.

56. maelstrom (n.) a destructive whirlpool which rapidly sucks in objects

During the most violent storms in the Arctic Ocean, enormous maelstroms are formed that could pull any ship to the depths of destruction.

57. malediction (n.) a curse

The witch looked to her master then turned and spoke her malediction upon all the citizens of the town that had sentenced her to burn.

58. mandate (n.) an authoritative command

In the New Testament, Jesus mandated that the penitent would receive mercy and grace.

59. manifest (v.) to show plainly

The strategy was to manifest my client's deep hurt before the eyes of the jury.

60. manifold (adj.) diverse, varied

I have manifold reasons for not going; I just mentioned to you the most obvious ones.

61. medley (n.) a mixture of differing things

The orchestra played a medley of oldies but goodies from the 1950's through the 1970's.

62. mendacious (adj.) having a lying, false character

The mendacious reputation of *Snake* MacFarady caused everyone to turn down his offer to go into business with him and his brother.

63. mercurial (adj.) characterized by rapid change or temperament

Sally was so mercurial before her test results came, no one knew what to say to her.

64. meritorious (adj.) worthy of esteem or reward

Bernice's meritorious gesture was hailed by all as the perfect peace-making move.

65. metamorphosis (n.) the change of form, shape, substance

The metamorphosis that the main character went through is proof positive that sinners can become saints.

66. nocturnal (adj.) relating to or occurring during the night

Because bats are nocturnal creatures, they live for the moon.

67. noisome (adj.) unpleasant, offensive, especially to the sense of smell

The noisome stench of the carcass permeated the whole building, driving the employees to the parking lot.

68. nomadic (adj.) wandering from place to place

The nomadic tribesmen move so often, it's impossible to know their whereabouts at all times.

69. nominal (adj.) trifling, insignificant

Because there was only a nominal fee involved, Mr. T. Wad paid the cost for everyone.

70. nonchalant (adj.) having a lack of concern, indifference

I was shocked at how nonchalant Jennifer handled the news of her expulsion.

71. oblivious (adj.) lacking consciousness or awareness of something

The naive travelers were oblivious to the tactics of the big city slickers.

72. obscure (adj.) unclear, partially hidden

Thought the markings were obscure, our linguists were able to decode most of them.

73. obsequious (adj.) excessively compliant or submissive

The imprisoned women were strangely obsequious to their captors, suggesting some type of mind control.

74. obsolete (adj.) no longer used, out of date

The type writer has become an obsolete business tool.

75. obstinate (adj.) not yielding easily, very stubborn

Even after hours of enhanced interrogation, the spies remained obstinate and closed mouthed.

76. potentate (n.) one who has great power, a ruler

Nebuchadnezzar was one of the greatest potentates the world has ever known.

77. pragmatic (adj.) practical

Nancy's suggestion proved to be one of the most pragmatic to be discussed all day.

78. precipice (n.) the face of a cliff, a steep or overhanging place

Looking down from the icy precipice, the alpha wolf chose its prey.

79. preclude (v.) to prevent

Concern for the welfare of others should preclude a person from ever even considering taking advantage of anyone.

80. pungent (adj.) having a pointed, sharp quality (often describing smells)

The pungent odor of bleach pervaded the hallways, blocking them, as it were, with its chemical barricade.

81. quaint (adj.) charmingly old-fashioned

During our vacation in the mountains, we chanced to stay at a quaint little bed and breakfast.

82. querulous (adj.) whiny, complaining

The passenger in the last seat is a querulous sort, complaining about the food, the service, and everything else near him.

83. quotidian (adj.) daily

Intent on tending to his quotidian chores, Mr. Simon focuses on nothing else.

84. rail (v.) to scold, protest

The tenured teachers began to rail against the lack of a cost of living increase.

85. rancid (adj.) having a terrible taste or smell

The meat in the box was terribly rancid; its odor was all over the house.

86. rancor (n.) deep, bitter resentment

The jilted spouse was brimming with rancor when her late husband's estate was left to some woman he called Jessie Bell.

87. rapport (n.) mutual understanding and harmony

It's a difficult task to develop a rapport with someone who's naturally introverted.

88. rash (adj.) hasty, incautious

Don't be so **rash** in your judgment, Jonas; he may not be as bad as you think.

89. raucous (adj.) loud, boisterous

Maria's **raucous** friends were over again last night, laughing, cursing, and singing their naughty songs.

90. raze (v.) to demolish, level

The demolition crew was called in to raze the condemned building before the hurricane season arrived.

91. sagacity (n.) shrewdness, soundness of perspective

With the sagacity of Holmes himself, the junior detective read the clues and solved the crime.

92. salient (adj.) significant, conspicuous

The most **salient** topic broached by any speaker was the topic of early childhood learning.

93. salutation (n.) a greeting

Joseph's salutation was so warm and heart-felt; we knew instantly that we were really welcomed there.

94. salve (n.) a soothing balm

As the nurse rubbed the salve into the wound, the burning stopped immediately.

95. sanctimonious (adj.) Pretending to be sanctified and holy

Sanctimonious preachers cause so many to disbelieve the genuine message of God.

96. tacit (adj.) expressed without words

Without a word ever being spoken, Wade tacitly communed with LeBron, and tossed the perfect lob for a monster slam dunk.

97. taciturn (adj.) not inclined to talk; peevish

The taciturn youngster just sat, gazing into nothingness, obviously disturbed by something.

98. tantamount (adj.) equivalent in value or significance

Leaving work without permission is tantamount to quitting; for, you can never return.

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Licking and stamping envelopes for five hours is the most tedious job I can imagine.

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The soldier's temerity was lauded by his comrades, but it was chided by his superiors.

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Going through the fields, the brier bobs seemed ubiquitous, sticking us at every turn.

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It's uncanny how the skilled magicians can make things seem to float without using any apparatus.

103. undulate (v.) to move in waves

As the waves picked up, that little skiff started to undulate like a bream cork.

104. usurp (v.) to seize by force, take possession of without right

The young prince dreamed of usurping his father's position and sitting comfortably on his throne.

105. utopia (n.) an imaginary and remote place of perfection

In the middle of the Amazonian Jungle, there's a legendary city called Utopia.

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