CELPIP Listening Practice Test 67

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3. Check your answers with the answer key, then read the transcript for every question you missed.

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

Returning Faulty Headphones

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/67**

1. What did the woman buy for her son?

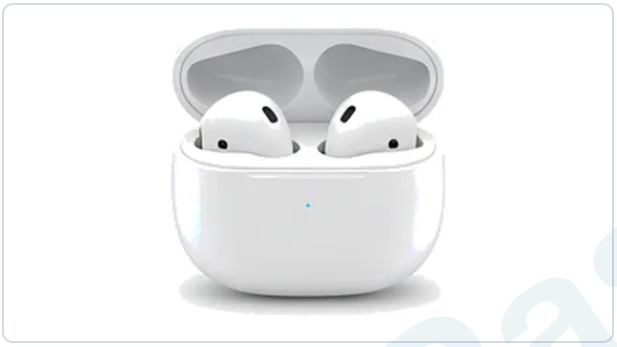
A



B



C



D



2. Why does the woman object to the store credit?

A The credit would expire after a month.
B She has never shopped at the store before.
C She would rather buy the headphones elsewhere.
D She would get back less than she spent.

3. What will the woman probably do next?

A come back this evening with a card
B accept the store credit for now
C bring her husband in to speak to the clerk
D search the recycling for the receipt

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4. Why can't the woman return the headphones for a refund?

A She still has no proof that she bought them there.

B Her son has already opened the box.

C Too much time has passed since she bought them.

D The fault is not covered by the store.

5. How does the woman feel about the warranty option?

A She thinks it would take far too long.

B She worries the postage will be expensive.

C She doubts the company will fix them.

D She prefers it to an exchange.

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6. What has the supervisor agreed to?

A a full refund to the credit card

B a $30 discount on the newer model

C sending the headphones in for repair

D replacing the faulty pair

7. Why does the woman choose the newer model?

A It uses the same charger as the pair her son has now.

B She does not want her son to wait until Friday.

C It costs less than the original headphones.

D Her son asked for a pair that folds up.

8. What will most likely happen next?

A The woman will come back on Friday.

B The clerk will look for a cable that fits the new pair.

C The new headphones will be tested in the store.

D The woman will go home to get her son.

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Learning to Drive at Twenty-Six

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/67**

9. Why has the man decided to learn to drive now?

A His mother needs help with her car.
B His co-worker has offered to sell him a used car.
C His trips to work by bus have made him late.
D His new job requires him to drive.

10. Why does the man mention the recycling bin?

A to remind his mother why her teaching did not work
B to show that he already knows how to reverse
C to blame the neighbours for the accident
D to explain why his insurance would cost him so much more

11. How does the woman respond to the man's story about the bin?

A She apologizes for her behaviour.
B She says she does not remember it.
C She admits she was far too strict.
D She plays down what happened.

12. According to the man, what is one advantage of an approved course?

A It includes forty hours of driving practice.
B It can reduce what he pays to insure a car.
C It is cheaper than learning from family.
D It offers lessons on weekend mornings.

13. What do the man and the woman finally agree on?

A She will pay for half of his lessons at the school.
B He will cancel the driving school lessons.
C They will start driving on main roads on Sunday.
D He will take lessons and also practise with her.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Booking a Bed and Breakfast

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/67**

14. Why is the man calling?

A to arrange a summer stay for his family
B to thank the owner for a friend's visit last summer
C to change a booking he made earlier
D to find out how to reach the beach

15. Why does the woman advise against the Lighthouse Room for the man's mother?

A It is booked for most of their stay.
B It has no bathroom of its own.
C Getting up to it would be hard for her.
D It is a long way from the dining room downstairs.

16. What problem is there with the man's plan?

A The Garden Room is not free on the fourteenth.
B His wife and he would have to switch rooms for one night.
C The deposit must be paid before June first.
D His mother would have to change rooms partway through the stay.

17. What can we infer about the woman?

A She makes the pancakes most mornings.
B She has spoken to the man's friend recently.
C She thinks her old house needs updating.
D She is upfront about the drawbacks of her place.

18. How does the woman suggest the mother could get to the beach?

A along the gravel path
B by car
C with a short taxi ride
D on the inn's shuttle

19. What will the man probably do next?

A ask his wife about moving for one night
B pay a deposit for both of the rooms
C phone his friend to ask about her stay last summer
D look for a quieter place nearby

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Pen Pals Across the Generations

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/67**

20. Frank Delaney

A helped Diane Price set up the program last fall.
B used to teach handwriting at school.
C writes to Sophie every week.
D has changed his mind about the program.

21. Diane Price got the idea for the program from

A a request from the class teacher.
B a habit of someone in her family.
C a resident who missed writing letters.
D a program at another seniors' home.

22. Some residents were worried that the children

A would lose interest after a few letters.
B would have nothing to write about.
C would struggle with how the letters were written.
D would not bother to answer the residents' letters.

23. The residents and the children

A met face to face for the first time recently.
B exchange letters only about what they learn at school.
C plan to meet again every Friday.
D began writing at the start of summer.

24. Over the summer, Price hopes to

A take the residents on a trip to visit the school.
B add more classes to the program.
C find people to help keep the letters moving.
D end the program until the fall.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Garden Centre Planning Meeting

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/67**

25. What problem is Teresa mainly trying to solve?

A A delivery from the nursery is running late.
B The store has more stock than it can sell.
C Customers keep asking for refunds.
D The website needs updating.

26. Why does Vikram mention the frost two years ago?

A to argue against selling vegetable plants early
B to complain about how busy Easter weekend was
C to complain about the store's refund rules
D to explain why he dislikes working Saturdays

27. What does Vikram mean when he says, "People don't read signs. They read price tags"?

A The store's signs are too small to notice.
B Customers ignore the store's discounts.
C Rita's sign should show the sale prices as well as the advice.
D A cheap price will matter more to shoppers than a warning.

28. Why does Teresa drop her own idea of a free pot?

A She thinks pansies are too delicate to sell.
B Vikram has already rejected the idea.
C She decides it is just a price cut by another name.
D She doubts the owner will allow it.

29. According to Teresa, how do most regular customers find out about sales?

A from a printed local publication
B from the garden centre's website
C from posts made by Rita's nephew
D from signs placed around the store

30. How does Vikram feel about hiring Rita's nephew?

A He doubts the nephew is skilled enough.
B He thinks it is too soon to arrange.
C He would prefer to hire a professional.
D He wants the bakery to share the cost.

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31. What is most likely true of the owner?

A He has already agreed to forty percent off.

B He wants the sale held in May.

C He looks after the store's website.

D He tends to resist big discounts.

32. What is the best subject line for Rita's message to the owner?

A Request to delay the May shipment

B Refunds for frost-damaged plants

C Spring sale: suggested markdowns

D New plan for the website and social media

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Fireworks in the Backyard

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/67**

33. The report mainly discusses

A the fire risks of dry summers.
B the cost of public fireworks displays.
C whether home fireworks should be forbidden.
D how cultural festivals are changing.

34. Darren Holt implies that the existing holiday bylaws

A are seldom enforced in practice.
B are clearer than an outright ban would be.
C ought to be extended to more holidays.
D succeed when permits are inspected.

35. Priya Sandhu would most likely support

A a ban that applies only during prolonged dry spells.
B paying a small fee to celebrate a festival at home.
C additional municipal displays on national holidays.
D replacing all fireworks with low-noise ones.

36. Why does Sandhu mention Diwali and the Lunar New Year?

A to argue those festivals cause fewer fires
B to promote events she coordinates in Brampton
C to note that both festivals fall in the summer
D to show that a display-only approach is not inclusive

37. What does Holt's comment about low-noise fireworks suggest?

A He sees some merit in them, but not for fire safety.
B He believes they are already sold in Ontario.
C He thinks they would make permits unnecessary.
D He considers pet owners' worries exaggerated.

38. The speaker's attitude toward the issue is

A firmly in support of a ban.
B receptive to a compromise.
C dismissive of safety concerns.
D opposed to any new regulation.

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
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Answer key

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1 B Picture B

2 D She would get back less than she spent.

3 A come back this evening with a card

4 C Too much time has passed since she bought them.

5 A She thinks it would take far too long.

6 D replacing the faulty pair

7 B She does not want her son to wait until Friday.

8 C The new headphones will be tested in the store.

Part 2: Learning to Drive at Twenty-Six

9 C His trips to work by bus have made him late.

10 A to remind his mother why her teaching did not work

11 D She plays down what happened.

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13 D He will take lessons and also practise with her.

Part 3: Booking a Bed and Breakfast

14 A to arrange a summer stay for his family

15 C Getting up to it would be hard for her.

16 B His wife and he would have to switch rooms for one night.

17 D She is upfront about the drawbacks of her place.

18 B by car

19 A ask his wife about moving for one night

Part 4: Pen Pals Across the Generations

20 D has changed his mind about the program.

21 B a habit of someone in her family.

22 C would struggle with how the letters were written.

23 A met face to face for the first time recently.

24 C find people to help keep the letters moving.

Part 5: Garden Centre Planning Meeting

25 B The store has more stock than it can sell.

26 A to argue against selling vegetable plants early

27 D A cheap price will matter more to shoppers than a warning.

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32 C Spring sale: suggested markdowns

Part 6: Fireworks in the Backyard

33 C whether home fireworks should be forbidden.

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35 B paying a small fee to celebrate a festival at home.

36 D to show that a display-only approach is not inclusive

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Your estimated CLB

Correct answers (of 38)	Estimated level
38	CLB 12
37	CLB 11
35–36	CLB 10
33–34	CLB 9
30–32	CLB 8
27–29	CLB 7
22–26	CLB 6
17–21	CLB 5
11–16	CLB 4

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Transcripts

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Part 1: Returning Faulty Headphones

Section 1

MAN: Hi there, what can I help you with?

WOMAN: Hi. I'd like to return these headphones. I bought them for my son, and the left side keeps cutting out.

MAN: Ah, that's annoying. Did you bring the receipt with you?

WOMAN: Well, that's the thing. It was in the bag, and my husband put the bag out with the recycling. Which got picked up yesterday.

MAN: Okay. Without a receipt, the most I can do is store credit, and only for the lowest price we've sold them at. These went on sale last month, so it'd be about $40 less than what you paid.

WOMAN: Forty dollars less? That doesn't seem fair. I paid full price for them.

MAN: I understand. But, um, how did you pay? If it was by card, I can usually find the purchase in our system.

WOMAN: Debit, I think. No, wait, it was my husband's credit card.

MAN: Ah. The thing is, I'd need the actual card to search for it. Just the card, not the husband.

WOMAN: He's at work until five-thirty. You're open until nine tonight, right?

MAN: Nine, yes. I'll be here.

Section 2

WOMAN: Hi, it's me again. The headphones? I've got the card.

MAN: Great, let's have a look. Okay… here it is. Wireless headphones, $130… oh. Hmm.

WOMAN: What? Is that not them?

MAN: No, it's them. It's the date. You bought these on September 2nd. Our return window is thirty days, so that closed last week.

WOMAN: But he only opened them on his birthday. That was barely two weeks ago!

MAN: I know, I'm sorry. The thirty days start from the day you buy them, not the day they're opened. They do have a one-year warranty, but you'd have to mail them to the maker, and that usually takes about three weeks.

WOMAN: Three weeks? He uses them every day for his online classes.

MAN: Let me talk to my supervisor. Sometimes she'll make an exception when it's clearly a defect. Give me a few minutes?

Section 3

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MAN: Okay, good news, mostly. My supervisor says we can swap them, since it's obviously a fault and not damage.

WOMAN: Oh, thank goodness.

MAN: The only problem is, we're sold out of that model. More are coming in on Friday. Or there's the newer version over here, but that's $30 more.

WOMAN: Friday… And what's different about the new one? Apart from the price.

MAN: Longer battery, and it folds up to fit in a backpack.

WOMAN: Does it use the same charger? Because he's lost two of those already.

MAN: Same cable, yes. Well, actually, no, sorry, I'm thinking of the earbuds. This one has the newer plug. But there's a cable in the box.

WOMAN: Okay. Well, he has a test on Thursday, and he needs something that works. I'll pay the thirty.

MAN: Sure, I'll ring that up.

WOMAN: And before I go, can we open the box and try them here? I'm not doing this a third time.

MAN: Fair enough. Let me grab my phone and pair them.

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Part 2: Learning to Drive at Twenty-Six

WOMAN: So, how's the new job going? You've been there, what, two weeks now?

MAN: Three on Monday. It's good, actually, the people are great. The only thing that's killing me is getting there. The bus out to that business park only runs every forty minutes, and if I miss the 7:10, I'm late. Which, um, has already happened twice.

WOMAN: Twice already? Oh, honey.

MAN: Yeah. So, I've decided. I'm finally going to learn to drive. I'm twenty-six, and for years I didn't need to, but this is different. I can't keep showing up at nine-thirty.

WOMAN: Well, that's wonderful! You can use my car. We could start this weekend, I'm free Saturday morning, and the church parking lot is always empty—

MAN: Actually, Mom, I was thinking of signing up with a driving school. There's one near my apartment that does evening lessons. Ten lessons for about $600.

WOMAN: Six hundred dollars? When you've got a perfectly good teacher right here, for free?

MAN: Mom. Do you remember the last time? I was sixteen. I backed into the Hendersons' recycling bin, and you screamed so loud that Mr. Henderson came out in his bathrobe to check on us. I didn't touch a steering wheel for ten years after that.

WOMAN: That bin came out of nowhere. And I did not scream. I raised my voice. Once.

MAN: Okay. Anyway, it's not only that. If you finish an approved course, you can book the road test sooner, and my insurance would be cheaper, too. A guy at work said it saved him almost a third.

WOMAN: Hmm. Well, I suppose I can't argue with that. But ten lessons isn't very much. You'll need practice in between, and they won't give you that part.

MAN: That's true. The instructor I talked to said most people need forty or fifty hours behind the wheel before the test.

WOMAN: So how about this. You do your lessons, and on Sundays, you practise with me. In the church lot. No main roads until you're ready.

MAN: And no screaming?

WOMAN: No raising my voice. I promise. Mostly.

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Part 3: Booking a Bed and Breakfast

WOMAN: Good morning, Harbour Light Bed and Breakfast, this is Joanne.

MAN: Oh, hi. Um, I'm hoping to book a few nights in July. A friend stayed with you last summer, and she hasn't stopped talking about it since. I think she said it was the room at the top, with the view of the water?

WOMAN: That'd be the Lighthouse Room. It's our most popular, so it goes fast. What dates were you thinking of?

MAN: The fourteenth to the eighteenth, so four nights. It'd be me, my wife, and, well, this is where it gets a bit complicated, my mother's coming too. She's eighty-one, and her knees aren't what they used to be.

WOMAN: Ah. Then I should be honest with you. The Lighthouse Room is up two flights, and it's a narrow old staircase, the house was built in 1890. I wouldn't put anyone with sore knees up there. But we do have the Garden Room on the main floor. It has its own bathroom with a walk-in shower, and a door straight out onto the patio.

MAN: Okay, so could we take both? Mom in the Garden Room, and us upstairs?

WOMAN: For the first three nights, yes. But on the night of the seventeenth, the Lighthouse Room is already booked. You'd have to move to the Blue Room on the second floor for that last night.

MAN: Hmm, moving rooms for one night. That's… well, I guess it's fine. Does breakfast come with the room? My friend kept talking about blueberry pancakes.

WOMAN: Breakfast is included, yes, served from seven-thirty to nine-thirty in the dining room. The pancakes are my husband's, and he makes them most mornings. And if your mother would rather have breakfast brought to her room, that's no trouble, as long as you let us know the night before.

MAN: That's kind. She'd appreciate that. And how far are you from the beach? She loves sitting by the water, but she can't walk very far.

WOMAN: It's about a ten-minute walk down a gravel path, so not ideal for her, I'd say. But there's a little parking area right by the dunes. You could drive her down in two minutes.

MAN: Oh, good. That's perfect, then. So how do I hold the rooms?

WOMAN: We take a deposit of one night per room, and the rest when you arrive. It's fully refundable if you cancel before June first. Now, July does fill up quickly, so I'd—

MAN: —not wait too long, I get it. It's just that my wife's the one who'd be living out of a suitcase, so let me run it by her first, and I'll call you back this afternoon.

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Part 4: Pen Pals Across the Generations

NARRATOR: Residents of a seniors' residence in Victoria have taken up a habit many people thought had disappeared: writing letters by hand. Last fall, recreation coordinator Diane Price paired twenty residents of Maple Court with a grade three class at a nearby elementary school. Every two weeks, the children send a letter, and the residents write back. Price says the idea came from her grandmother, who kept every letter she ever received in a shoebox under her bed. At first, several residents worried that the children wouldn't be able to read their joined-up writing, which most schools stopped teaching years ago. So the class teacher spent a week showing her students how to read it, and the children now proudly sign their own names that way. The letters cover everything from hockey to lost teeth. Ninety-year-old Frank Delaney admits he considered the whole thing pointless at first. Now he says the letters are the highlight of his month, even if his pen pal, eight-year-old Sophie, has asked him three times what a typewriter is. The two groups finally met in person last Friday, when the class came for a reading afternoon. With school ending in June, Price is now looking for volunteers to carry letters back and forth over the summer.

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Part 5: Garden Centre Planning Meeting

Teresa: Okay, the shipment from the nursery comes in the first week of May, so whatever we do, it has to be before then. We've got eighteen pallets of clay pots sitting out back.

Rita: Eighty?

Teresa: Eighteen. Which is still about twelve too many. And half of them are that orange colour nobody wanted last year.

Vikram: So we do it in mid-April, like you said at the staff meeting. I'm fine with that. I just don't think we should put the vegetable plants out that early.

Rita: Why not? That's what people come in for in April. Everybody's dying to plant something after the winter.

Vikram: Exactly, and that's the problem. Remember two years ago? We sold hundreds of tomato plants the second week of April, and then we got that hard frost right after Easter. Half the town came back wanting their money. I spent a whole Saturday at the returns desk.

Teresa: Oh, I'd forgotten about that. And we refunded everyone, even the people who'd left them out on the deck with no cover.

Rita: Okay, but we could just put up a sign. "Don't plant before the long weekend," something like that.

Vikram: People don't read signs. They read price tags.

Rita: Fair enough. So pots, tools, maybe the leftover bags of soil, and then the plants later on.

Teresa: Or what if, instead of marking the pots down, we gave one away with every… no, never mind, that's the same thing as a discount.

Vikram: Not really. A free pot with every two flats of pansies moves both at once. And pansies can handle a cold night. They're not tomatoes.

Rita: Ooh, I like that. We could plant up a really nice one and take a photo for the website…

Teresa: The website hasn't been updated since… honestly, I don't even know. Most of our regulars hear about sales from the flyer in the community paper.

Rita: Then we do both. My nephew does the posts for the bakery next door, and he's really good. He'd probably do ours for a gift card.

Vikram: Let's not start paying people in gift cards before we even know what's on sale.

Teresa: Right. Which brings us to the real question. How much off? Twenty percent on the pots?

Vikram: Thirty, if we actually want them gone. The orange ones, maybe forty.

Rita: Forty? The owner's going to have something to say about that.

Teresa: He always does. Still, he's the one who ordered eighteen pallets.

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Vikram: I wouldn't open with that.

Rita: I'll put the numbers together and send them over. And, well… we'll see.

Part 6: Fireworks in the Backyard

NARRATOR: Few sounds polarize a neighbourhood quite like the crackle of backyard fireworks. For enthusiasts, the bursts of colour on Victoria Day or Canada Day are a cherished summer ritual, as much a part of the season as the long drive to the cottage. For their detractors, they mean panicked pets, wide-awake toddlers and an acrid haze drifting through open windows long after midnight. In recent years, a handful of Canadian municipalities have prohibited the private use of consumer fireworks altogether, and several others are quietly weighing similar measures.

NARRATOR: Darren Holt, a volunteer fire captain in rural Ontario, is an unapologetic advocate of a ban. Every summer, he says, his crew is dispatched to grass fires and scorched shingles left behind by well-intentioned amateurs. During a prolonged dry spell, a single errant rocket can engulf a hayfield within seconds. Holt is equally scathing about the existing bylaws, which restrict fireworks to designated holidays. By the time an officer arrives to look into a complaint, he observes, the culprits have long since retreated indoors, leaving nothing but empty tubes on the lawn. A straightforward prohibition, he maintains, would be easier to communicate, and people would give up very little if they simply gathered at professionally staged displays instead.

NARRATOR: Priya Sandhu, who coordinates cultural events in Brampton, finds that reasoning rather too tidy. Municipal displays, she notes, are scheduled around a narrow calendar of national holidays. Families observing Diwali or the Lunar New Year, which fall in the colder months, would effectively be shut out of a custom that matters deeply to them. For Sandhu, a handful of sparklers on the driveway while grandparents look on is not a nuisance but a means of transmitting heritage to a younger generation. She readily acknowledges that recklessness causes genuine harm, yet she contends that a blanket ban penalizes a conscientious majority for the negligence of a few. Her alternative is an inexpensive permit tied to specific celebrations, backed by substantial fines for anyone who disregards a fire advisory.

NARRATOR: Holt remains unpersuaded. Permits, he counters, are only as meaningful as the inspections behind them, and those inspections would inevitably fall to the same overstretched volunteers. Even so, he concedes that low-noise fireworks, already marketed in parts of Europe, might soothe the anxieties of pet owners, if not those of fire chiefs.

NARRATOR: In the end, both camps want celebrations that don't conclude with a call to the fire hall. Whether that requires an outright ban or merely smarter regulation may hinge on how much councils are prepared to invest in enforcement. A modest permit system, properly funded, seems a sensible place to begin.

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