# **SUPERKIDS** SMALL-GROUP READING RESOURCES





# Reading Resources That Fit Your Classroom

Superkids Small-Group Reading Resources are packed with high-quality, high-interest texts and guided-reading lessons that will complement how you teach reading in grades K, 1, or 2. Flexible, familiar guided-reading routines and best practices ensure all your students develop into successful and confident early readers.

Create BIG success with Superkids Small-Group Reading Resources!

Also ideal for independent practice, partner reading, and read-alouds, our student texts include a variety of formats ranging from decodable books to magazines and trade books.

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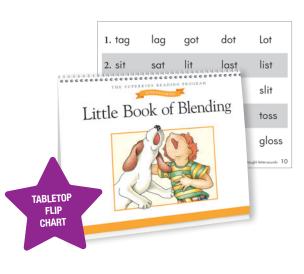
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# **Practice Blending Letter-Sounds**

The Little Book of Blending provides lists of letter combinations and words for blending practice and instruction in small groups. Lists within this 12" x 9" tabletop flip chart correspond to The Superkids Library sequence of phonemes for kindergarten.





# **Build Reading Skills and Confidence**

The **Beginning Books Library** is designed for students who are just starting to read, engaging them with a fun cast of characters—the Superkids. "Reading" the four wordless books, students become familiar with story structure and practice drawing conclusions. The remaining nine books are cumulatively decodable (they follow a sequence of phonetic elements), written at grade level, and designed to build students' confidence as readers.

1. Introduce the

reading, teachers

build background

and introduce key

vocabulary words.

2. Guide reading:

Teachers use

text-dependent

questions in the

lesson to guide

understanding.

book: Before

#### Toss It

#### Introduce the book

them look at the pictures on the front cover and the title page. Tell children that this story is about a girl named Tic, her friends Tac and Toc, and Coconut the cat. Ask what you do when you toss something, (You throw it.) Point out the round disc that Tic tosses and ask if they know what it is, (Some might be familiar with the brand name Frisbee".) Have children share what they know about playing Frisbee and pretend to toss and catch one. Discuss if this tossing game should be played inside or outside. Then ask children what they think might happen during the girls' tossing game. (Most will say the girls will have fun. Some might predict a problem arising, such as someone getting hurt or mad or the disc getting lost or damaged.)

Read the book title with children and have

#### Guide reading

Guide a small group through the book, listening to individuals read and asking questions every few pages.

Page 3 Does Tic want to toss her Frisbee? no Why not? She says it cost a lot and might be afraid her new toy will get broken or dirty. Why might someone be a

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## Key vocabulary: toss, Frisbee,

bit worried about playing with a new toy that cost a lot of money to buy? If it breaks you might not hav

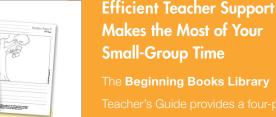
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another one. (Un

Page 7 What a They're trying to reach the Frisbee Why not? The br can't reach the Fr

Page 9 What d do? bring back the What does Coco nap (Understand

3. Discuss the book after reading it: Lessons conclude with comprehension instruction applied to the text just read.



If you sit still, do you move around or

Page | | How did the girls get the

Frisbee out of the tree? Toc got on Tac's

shoulders and shook the branch until the

Frishee fell out (Determine cause and effect)

Page 12 "At last" is what you might say

after you try really hard to get something

to work and then it finally does. What else

might the girls have said? "Finally!" "Thank

goodness." "Hurray!" (Develop vocabulary)

Page 14 Why did the girls move to a

stay quietly in place? stay quietly in place

## Makes the Most of Your **Small-Group Time**

The **Beginning Books Library** 

#### Focus on a problem-solution plot

gets fixed. Have children look at page 5 and tell what problem the girls had. (Tic's Frisbee got stuck in a tree.) Then have them look at pages 6-12 and tell about the different ways the girls tried to solve the problem. Point out that some of their plans didn't work, but they didn't quit until they got the Frisbee back. Discuss if it was a good idea for Toc to climb on Tac's shoulders to reach the branch and what else the girls might have done to fix the problem. (get

new place to play? There aren't any trees in the field, so the Frisbee won't get stuck again (Understand the importance of setting)

Discuss the book after reading it

- 1. How do you think the girls felt by the end of the story? happy, relieved Why? They got the Frisbee out of the tree. They found a better place to play with it.
- 2. Was there ever a time you didn't want to let someone play with your toys? Why? Answers and reasons will vary. (Connect text to self)

Explain that many stories tell about a problem someone has and how the problem

an adult or a ladder) Then ask how the girls made sure the problem wouldn't happe again. (They went to play in an open field

- Have children reread the book
- On Practice Page 9, have children draw and write about how the girls solved their problem
- Have children draw pictures or make a list of other games that involve tossing.

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4. Independent Activities: Students respond to the book they've read in purposeful ways. Practice Pages reinforce comprehension or vocabulary.

THE SUPERKIDS LIBRARY LITTLE BOOK OF BLENDING

# Introduce Informational Text Structures, Content, and Vocabulary

The **Informational Text Library** features 10 engaging, cumulatively decodable titles to explore a variety of science and social studies topics.

With teacher support, students develop decoding and fluency skills while building their understanding of informational text structures, content, and vocabulary. Like the other grade K libraries, the Teacher's Guide includes one complete lesson and a reproducible Practice Page per book.



Instruction covers content-area vocabulary words



Books feature informational **science and social studies topics**, such as animals that live in the grass.

Text is **cumulatively decodable**. It follows a sequence of phonetic elements.

Colorful,

engaging

photos help

cannot guess

photos alone.

the text from the

students confirm

meaning, but they

# GRADE DIFFERENTIATED LIBRARIES

# Foster Decoding Skills and Reading Confidence

The **Grade K Differentiated Libraries** offer decoding, vocabulary, and comprehension skill development through reading about the lovable Superkids characters. Library books are engaging, cumulatively decodable, and differentiated so that all students can read successfully and build confidence.



## **Easy Library**

These 10 books have fewer words per page and shorter sentences than the on-level books and some patterned text—to help build decoding automaticity in emergent readers.

#### **On-Level Library**

A good fit for students with proficient reading skills, these 10 books have longer sentences and more words per page than the easy books.

### **Challenging Library**

Offering more challenge for strong readers, these 10 books have more complex sentences, more words per page, and often more pages than the on-level books.

## UNITS The Gifts

Introduce the book and word list

Tell children this story is about Tic and the other Superkids. Have children examine the

picture on the cover and describe what they

Point out the word fragile on the side of the

package and discuss what this means. (The

see. (Tic has received some packages in the mail.)

contents of the package could break easily.) Tell

children the packages are from Tic's granddae

Explain that granddad is the name Tic calls her

Before reading, students practice reading the word list on the inside front cover of their

helping them

sound out

decodable

words and

remember

words from

the word list

the inside front

cover of their

library book.

Read the title with children. Ask what they think the story might be about. Then turn to the inside front cover and read the word list with children. Ask them to identify the words that begin with uppercase letters. (Kernya and Brazil) Explain that these two words are capitalized because they are names of countries

Teachers support

Students by

Guide reading

Listen and give support as individuals read the book in a small group. Pause every few pages to ask comprehension questions.

Page 1. Lock at the should be below What

Page 1 Look at the thought balloon. What is Tic thinking about as she looks at the package? Japan, where her granddad is What does distant mean? far away (Understand pictures; develop vocabulary)

Page 2 What was in the package from Japan? a red silk fan What is a tassel? a hanging bunch of threads knotted together a one end (Recall details; develop vocabulary)

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Page 17 What does mend mean? repair, or fix How do the Superkids mend the hammock? They sew the rip and reattach it to the trees. (Develop vocabulary; use pictures)

Page 18 Why don't the Superkids sit in the hammock at first? It was a gift for Tic, and they don't want to rip it again. What does Tic want the Superkids to do? sit on the hammock with her Why does she tell them to sit and rest? She wants them to stay still so they don't rip the hammock again. (Understand characters; draw conclusions)

Discuss the book after reading it

1. Many stories have a repeating pattern
of events. What keeps happening in the
beginning of this story? Tic's granddad

they keeps sending her gifts from places he visits.
Then Tic's friends do something with each gift. (Recognize patterns)
words
2. What problem arises in the story? The hammock rips, and Tic is upset. How does

hammock rips, and Tic is upset. How does the problem get solved? The Superkids mend the hammock. (Recognize plot: problem and solution)

 Has a friend ever ruined something belonging to you? How did you feel? Did your friend do anything to fix the problem? Answers will vary. (Connect text to self)

Focus on reality and fantasy

Review with children what the Superkids
pretended the hammock was in this story.
(They pretended the hammock was a camel
crossing the hot sand, a cab that yggagged, and

# Teacher-Tested Instruction Delivers Results with High-Interest Text

Teacher's Guides for these libraries provide a lesson and reproducible Practice Page per book. Teachers support students' reading of the book in small groups by monitoring their reading and asking questions to check understanding.

Pair this instruction with unit-aligned phonics practice using the Little Book of Blending.

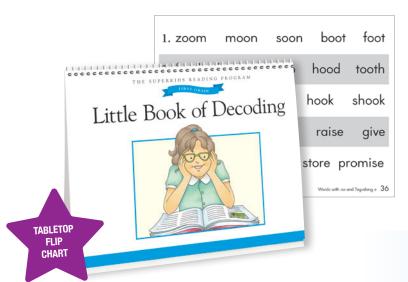
Comprehension skills and strategies, such as distinguishing between reality and fantasy, are explicitly taught.

THE SUPERKIDS LIBRARY

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# **Build Decoding Automaticity and Fluency**

The **Little Book of Decoding** provides lists of words for decoding practice and instruction in small groups. The word lists within this 12" x 9" tabletop flip chart follow the scope and sequence of phonics and structural analysis skills of the grade 1 Differentiated Libraries.





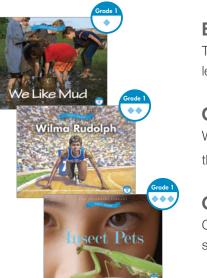
Decoding words in **word families** helps students recognize familiar sound-spelling patterns and improves their fluency by blending chunks within words.

Differentiated Libraries help ensure every student experiences the pleasure and sense of accomplishment that comes from reading a book independently.

# DIFFERENTIATED LIBRARIES

# **Develop Comprehension and Vocabulary Skills**

The **Differentiated Libraries** engage students with informational and literary grade-level text. Books are cumulatively decodable (they follow a sequence of phonetic elements).



### **Easy Library**

These 16 books have fewer words per page and shorter sentences than the onlevel books—designed for helping struggling readers build confidence and fluency.

#### **On-Level Library**

With longer sentences and more words per page than the easy books, these 16 books are a good fit for proficient first-grade readers.

### **Challenging Library**

Offering more challenge for strong readers, these 16 books have more complex sentences, more words per page, and often more pages than the on-level books.

Informational and literary genres include science, social studies, biography, historical fiction, fantasy, and more.

Difficult **vocabulary words** are taught before and during reading.

## High-Quality Resources Provide Variety and Rigor for Any Classroom

Teacher's Guides contain two lessons and a reproducible Practice Page per book.

Teachers guide students' independent reading of the book and extend their understanding with comprehension instruction.

Pair this instruction with unit-aligned phonics and structural analysis practice using the Little Book of Decoding.



Introduce the book and word list

Tell children that this book is a special kind of made-up story called a foll tole. Explain that a tall tale is told like it's a rue story, but we know it can't be true because the characters can do amazing things that real people and animals can't do. Point out that the man on the cover is Paul Burwan and the blue ox is Babe. Have children briefly tell anything they know about these characters from other stories they've heard or read. Then ask how Paul and Babe compare in size with the trees in the picture. (They'ne much bigger than the trees.) Read aloud the title. Explain that Ise-struck means "being so in love that all you do is think about being in love."

Read aloud the word list with children. Explain that budge means "to move" and lickety-split means "to act quickly."

Guide reading as needed Listen to children read aloud individually or in small groups. Use the questions to check their

inderstanding of what they just read.

Page 1 A homberjack is a person whose job is to cut down trees for wood. What does the page say Paul Bunyan was like as a humberjack? He was the best lumberjack who ever lived. (Understand vocabulary and characters)

Page 2 What detail tells us Paul is really strong? He could push over a tree with his little finger. (Understand descriptive language) LOVE-STRUCK OX

Genre: Tall tale

Key vocabulary: tall tale, love-struck

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Page 5 What detail tells us Babe is real strong? He dragged the state of Texas dow the South. (Understand descriptive langua

budge, lickety-split, lumberjack, logging, moped

Page 7 What does it mean that Paul an Babe were a logging team? They cut down trees together. Why do you think they're best logging team? They're both so big an strong. (Understand characters; connect is

Page | | What does Paul want Babe to get to work Why won't Babe budge, or m. He is in love with the cow and wants to sit watch her. (Understand characters)

Page 13 How does Paul get Babe to w again? He asks Buttercup to come to the logging camp with them. (Connect event

Page 15 How does Buttercup feel about winter? She hates it. What does it mean that she just moped? She felt too sad to do anything. What does Babe do? He sits wit Buttercup. (Understand characters and vocabulary)

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Comprehension skills and strategies are

Page 17 Why does the pile of logs get so big? because Babe stopped working (Connec

age 19 What do you think Paul will de

with the green glasses? Predictions should

be ways the glasses might solve the problem.

Page 22 What do the green glasses do for

Buttercup? They make everything look green

does Babe do? He gets back to work dragging

1. What was Paul Bunyan's first problem in

the story? Babe stopped working because he wanted to sit by the cow he loved. How

did Paul solve this problem? He asked

the cow to come to the logging camp with

em. What was the second problem?

Babe stopped working because Buttercup was sad about it being winter. How did Paul

She was happy, so Babe went back to work. (Describe plot: Problem and solution)

. What is one thing you would like to do if

Answers will vary. (Connect text to self)

eal people. To help readers see in their minds

authors often exaggerate or say that something

w strong or big these characters are, tall tale

Tell children that tall tales often include characters who are bigger and stronger than

Focus on genre: Tall tales

you were as big and strong as Paul Bunyar

solve this problem? He gave Buttercu

Discuss the book after reading it

nts: Cause and effect)

events: Cause and effect

explicitly taught.

# Increase Background Knowledge and **Vocabulary with Informational Text**

**SUPER** is an engaging informational text magazine written just for second graders. Magazines explore eight unique cross-curricular themes and can be taught in any order to suit established science and social studies units. Articles include a variety of features, Super Shorts (short articles for developing fluency), and poems.

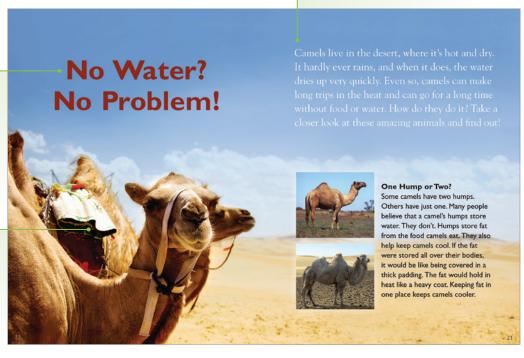
Instruction builds background knowledge and vocabulary and scaffolds students' close reading through teacher think-alouds that model how to engage oneself in a conversation about text.



Students learn to read and enjoy nonfiction in an authentic form.

This science article about camels is one of seven features in Splish, Splash!, which tells the story of water on our planet.

**Engaging** photographs and illustrations bring science and social studies topics to life.



## Rich Reading Instruction Supports Science and **Social Studies Learning**

**SUPER Magazine** Teacher's Guides provide 10 lessons per 36instruction for below-level and above-level readers.

#### LESSON 8



Guide reading and recalling details

Use "Famous Falls," pages 30-33. SUPER vocabulary: fabulous, spring

Review "Famous Falls." Have children turn to pages 30 and 31. Have them read the title and tell what they think the article is about. (Niagara Falls) Point out Niagara Falls' location on a map. Explain that they will learn facts about Niagara Falls and where the water comes from. Preview the headings, photos, and

Guide children as they read aloud and discuss pages 30-31. Listen to each child read as other children in the group follow along. Help children sound out decodable words Use the comprehension questions to prompt discussion of the text and its vocabulary



#### Understand vocabulary

or amazing. Look at the large photo on pages 30 and 31. What do you think makes Niagara Falls so fabulous? Answers will vary. Children might mention the amount of water r the beauty of the falls.

#### Use text features: Photos

Look at the photos on pages 30 and 31. Where does the water look like it is falling from? a high cliff; a lake What do you notic

#### about the water? There is a lot of water: there

#### Draw and support conclusions Why are the falls described as a thunder of

rushing water? Answers may vary. Children might mention the loud sound of water or the

Determine important ideas
What is The Maid of the Mist? a boat that

SPLISH, SPLASH! • LESSON 8 95

#### These **comprehension skills** (and more) are taught:

- Summarize
- Identify main idea and recall details
- Draw and support conclusions
- · Locate information in graphs and charts
- Understand cause and effect
- Connect text to self
- Compare and contrast
- Connect ideas in text • Use context clues to figure out meaning

Discussion after reading develops critical-thinking, speaking, and listening skills.

#### **Explicit vocabulary instruction**

for content-area words prompts students to use context clues to determine word meaning.



sight of Niagara Falls. How do you know that the people in the inset photo are on the boat? The text describes getting soaked on the boat. The people in the picture look soaked.

Use text features: Maps Look at the map on pages 32-33. What prediction can you make about where the

use informational text features. 96 SPLISH, SPLASH! • LESSON 8 such as headings, labels, photos,

Instruction teaches students to

captions, charts, and diagrams.

the water goes into Lake Erie and then to

Connect photographs and text How do the photos on pages 30–31 help explain the text? They show the amazing the lakes. What do the arrows on the map tell you? Water from Lake Superior and Lake Michigan goes into Lake Huron. Then

## Niagara Falls

What are the five lakes called? the Great Falls go? into Lake Ontario

the right picture Determine important ideas
Why did a dam need to be built? The rocks

A spring is water that comes up from

Understand text features: Photos

underground. Springwater goes into the

Look at the inset photos on page 33. How are the pictures the same? They show the

same spot at Niagara Falls. How are the two photos different? There is no water flowing in the left picture, and there is water flowing in

under the falls needed to be fixed. What did
the dam do? It stopped the water from flowing

After-Reading Discussion

Connect ideas
The theme of this issue is water. How does "Fabulous Falls" connect to the theme of this SUPER? It is about waterfalls that are fed by the Great Lakes

Where does the water for Niagara Falls come from? the Great Lakes Where does the water om Niagara Falls go? into Lake Ontai Where is the only other place on Earth with more fresh water than Niagara Falls? the North and South Poles

Introduce Practice Page 28, Pass out the children complete the page independently

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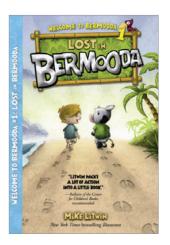
## Deepen Comprehension and Close Reading Skills with Authentic Literature

The Superkids Book Club features well-known trade books that capture students' diverse interests and meet a wide range of second-grade reading abilities.

Small-group instruction focuses on comprehension and vocabulary and helps students build fluency with each book. Book Talk Journals correspond to each title and include text-dependent questions that encourage students to make connections to and write about text.

Many of the titles are the first in their own series to encourage students to keep reading the series independently for enjoyment.







Book Talk Journals for each trade book include text-dependent questions that require close reading and thoughtful written response

> Chuck and Dakota get to know each other and seem to get along very well. What do they have in common, and why do you think they get along so well? Give examples from the story to support your answer.

#### Meet the Needs and Interests of Your Students with Flexible Resources

The Superkids Book Club Teacher's Guides provide 10 lessons per trade book for however The Superkids Book Club is completely flexible.

#### LESSON 4



pages 54-65

Briefly review what has happened in the story so far. Ask children to summarize what happened in the previous two chap (Chuck makes a cow dismise for Dakota and takes Dakota home with him to meet his family. The Porters live in a huge house with other animals. Chuck tells the family that Dakota is a sea cow. At dinner, Dakota learns about the Wellingtons, who are very rich and own most of theisland. The next day, Dakota and Chuck go on the school field trip to the Hortica Center, where Dakota learns that the animals on the island think humans are terrible monsters. There is a display of a human skeleton that is with spiny backs, sharp teeth, and claws. Chuck realizes that everything he knows about humans i wrong. He suggests that they need a boat to find out where Dakata is from.)

Preview pages 54-65 and have children make predictions. Have children turn t page 54 and read the chapter title, "The

Comprehension skills,

such as recognizing

deepen students'

problem and solution.

Raft." Have them look at the illustrations or pages 56 and 60. Ask children what they think will happen based on the title and illustrations. (Dakota and Oneck will build a raft. The raft will sink.) Tell children they will

Introduce new vocabulary words. Write the vocabulary words on the board and read them aloud. Discuss the definitions of the words and their connection to this story. Supply a context sentence for each word and call on a child to use it in a sentence.

piece (page 55): a work of art or genius. Delids sculpture was a masterpiece that took first prize at the art show.

frontically (page 58): in a panic, hysterically.

David searched frontically for his lost dog.

Guide children as they read aloud and discuss pages 54-65. Listen to each child read while other children in the group follow along. Help children sound out decodable words. Use the comprehension questions to prompt discussion of the text and its vocabulary. Encourage children to ask questions, too.

Connect events

Why do Chuck and Dakota decide not to Having a name did not help the Horaca

Compare and contrast characters How do Chuck's and Dakota's attitudes toward the raft differ? Chuck believes that

the raft will work and will take Dakota back to his family. Dakota is doubtful. Understand character Why does Chuck feel a little jealous of Dakota? Chuck wishes he were the one sailing

on the raft. He wants to see the human world

Retell key details

What happens to Dakota once he sets sail? The current and the waves are strong. He drops his paddle, and it floats away. What crops nis paddle, and it floats away. What happens to the raft? It starts going toward jagged rocks on the shore. What does Chuck do, and what happens to him? Chuck tries to go to the raft, but the water is too rough and Comprehension questions prompt discussion of the text

and its vocabulary.

to help Chuck? He dives into the water with a life ring and lifts Chuck onto it.

Identify setting Where do Chuck and Dakota go after they

#### Draw conclusions

reach shore? to have a snack at a café

Why do you think Chuck tells Dakota he is so lucky? Chuck loves adventure and wants to be the one to leave Bermooda.

Compare and contrast characters How do Chuck and Dakota differ in how they feel about the island? Dakota finds it to be a relaxing paradise, while Chuck finds it

### Identify plot: Problem and solution What is the problem that Chuck sees? There

is no way of knowing what is out there or if there is a boat looking for Dakota. What solution does Chuck have? Ask Angus Atkins, who knows all the news.



Teach comprehension Problem and solution

Use Lost in Bermooda and the board

Review and discuss problem and solution. Review with children the concept of problem understanding of the book.

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and solution in stories. Remind them that the basis for many stories is the problem that characters are faced with and have to solve. Ask children what Dakota's big problem is in the story. (He is lost in Bermooda.) Ask what solution Chuck and Dakota have tried to solve this problem. (Chuck and Dakota build a raft so Dakota can find his family.) Write this problem and solution on the board.

Explain that in this story, the characters are faced with additional problems while they try to solve the bigger problem. Ask children what other problems Dakota and Chuck come across and how they try to solve them. (Answers will vary. Possible responses are listed.) Write these problems and solutions on the board. Explain that these are all possible solutions that help move the story forward and help try to solve Dakota's bigger problem of being lost in Bermooda.





Introduce Practice Page 12. Have children identify different problems that the charact have had throughout the story so far. Have them write a solution to the problem either based on the story or based on their opinion

Practice Pages with graphic organizers

make comprehension and vocabulary instruction more concrete

THE SUPERKIDS BOOK CLUB THE SUPERKIDS BOOK CLUB

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