



# Write

## Exceptional Expressions For Everyday Events

Writing is a form of communication that people use everyday. It can be as simple as jotting down a list of groceries, or it can be as complex as producing a research paper. Writing can also be as full of emotions as a love letter.

In a classroom, students have many opportunities to write. Students can write in their notebooks about a science experiment, or they can write on a computer a class report about Ancient Egypt. Look at the different ways people can write. Encourage students to use a new word everyday.

## Follow-Ups

- If someone is in a hurry, would he or she: (a) scribble a note or (b) compose a message?
- How is typing different from writing?
- Is signing a note the same as drafting a note?
- When might someone engrave a message rather than write a note?
- Would someone pencil in a report on the Rocky Mountains or would someone compose the report?
- At what time might you want to jot something down?

## The Spanish Connection

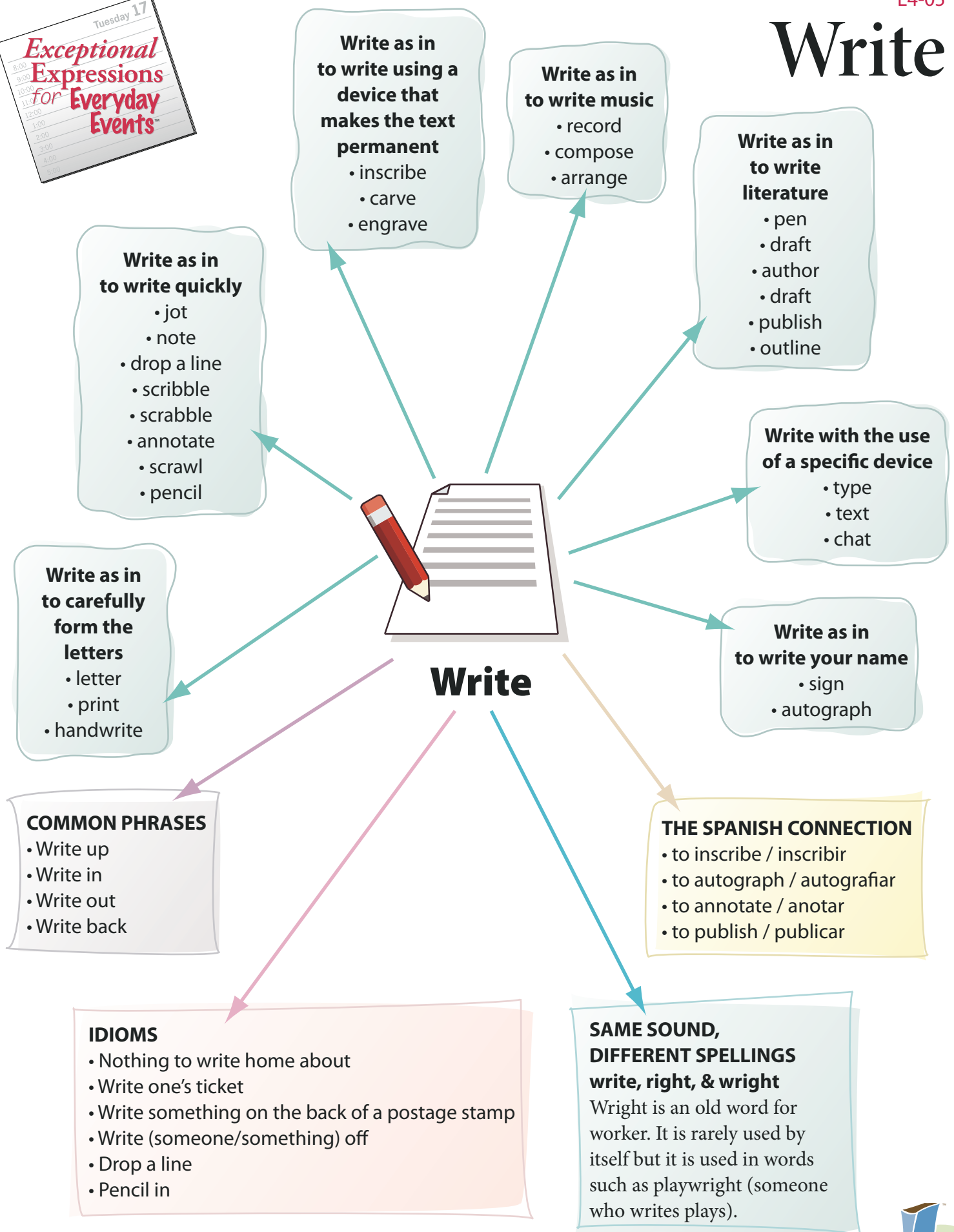
The word **write** comes from an Old English word, *writan*. *Writan* came from an Old Frisian word, *writa*, that means “to score, write.” The Spanish word for **to write** is *escribir*. Write is not a cognate of *escribir*, however, *escribir* comes from the Latin word *scribere*. It is suggested that the word **scribe** came from the Latin word *scribere*. One definition of **scribe** is a person whose official duty is to write or record text. **Scribe** is also the root for words such as **describe**, **inscribe**, and **prescribe**. The definitions of these three words are tied to writing or communication through words. *Scribere* is also the origin of the words **scribble** and **scrabble**.

## Word Changes

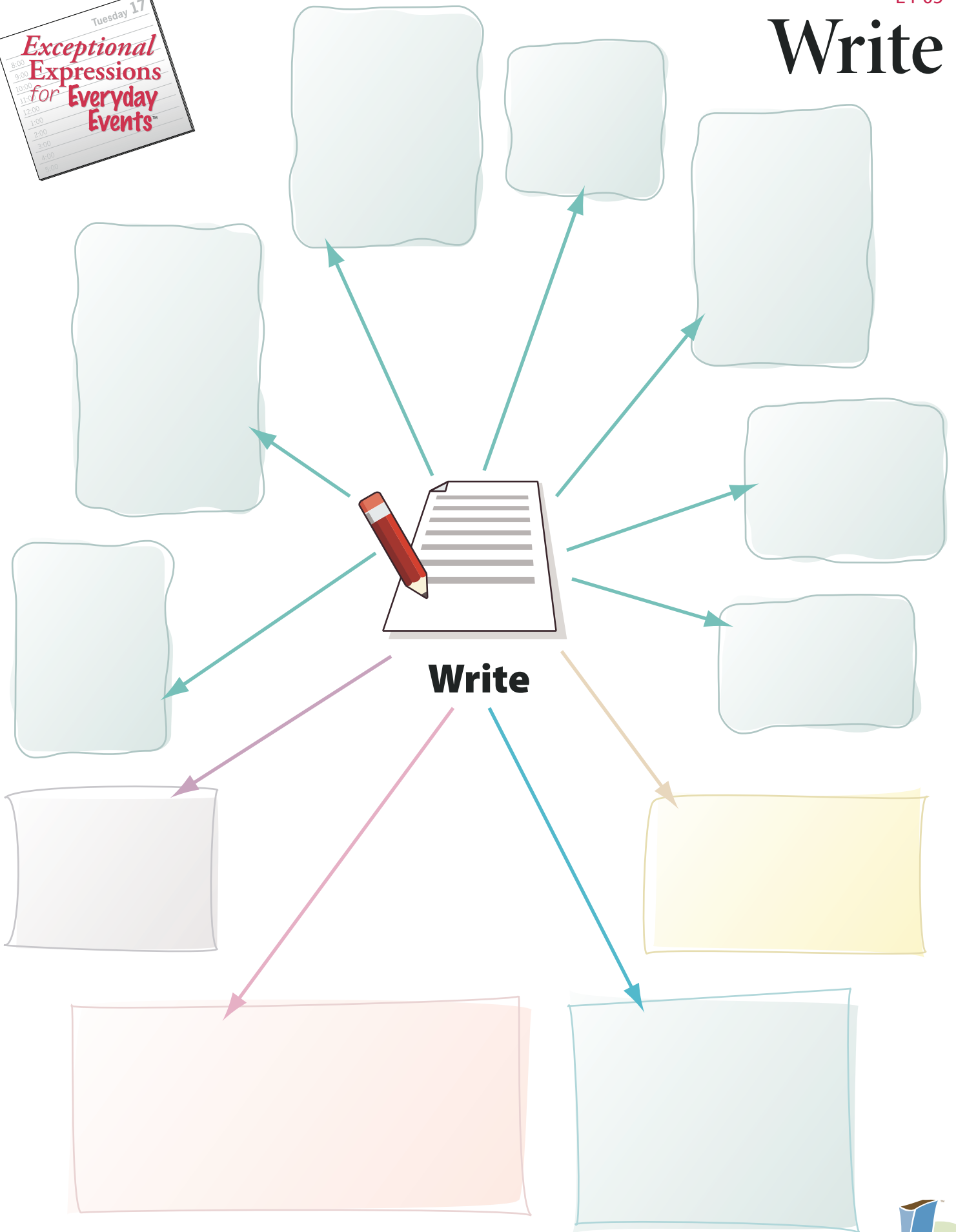
- **Write** is most commonly used as a verb.
- There are nouns derived from the word **write**, such as **writing** (a written work) and **writ** (a type of legal document).
- The surface or the device used for writing might be associated with specific words. For example, when people use a computer to write a report they are typing the report, or a writer may pen a letter.



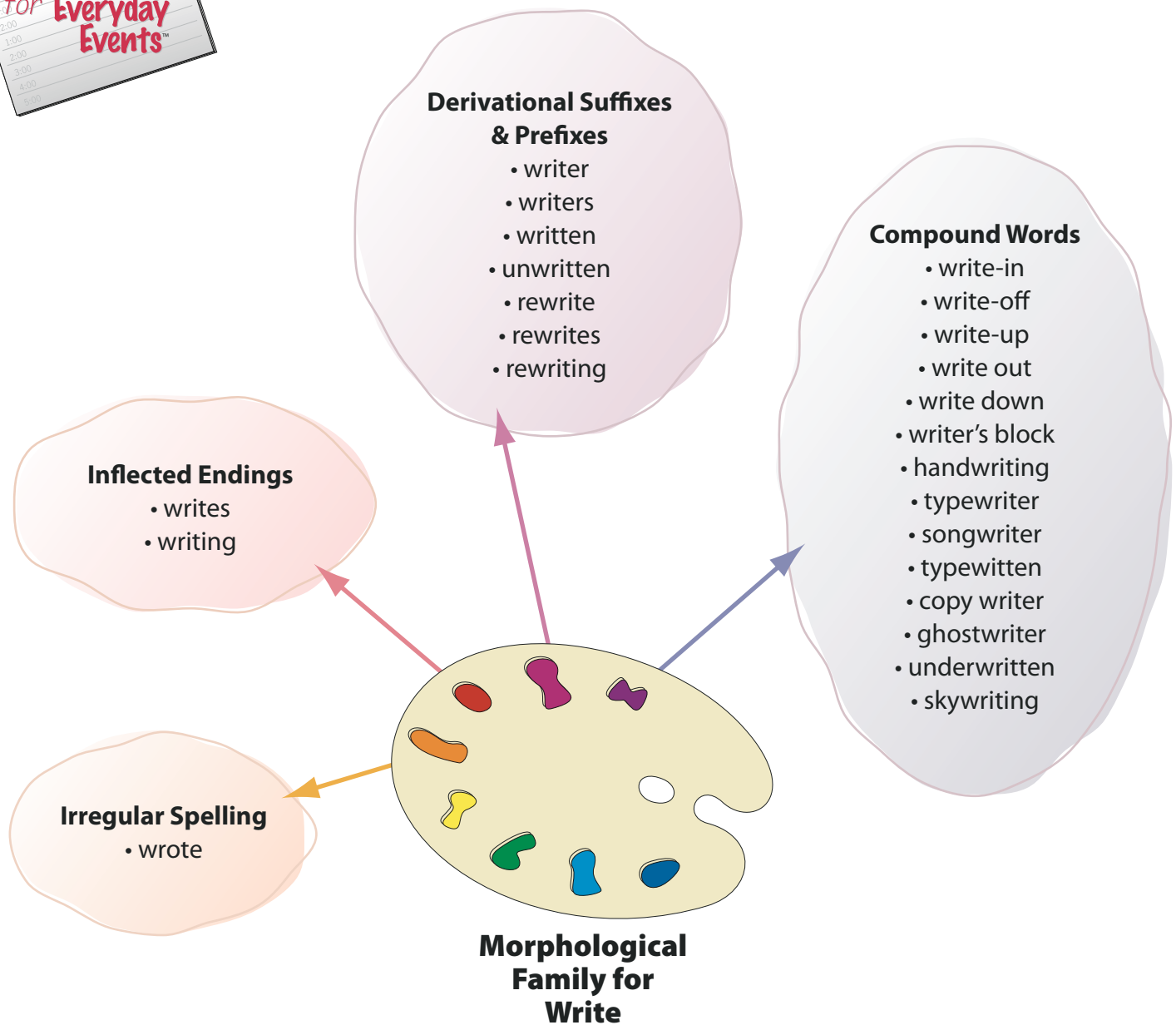
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