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## JLPT N5 KANJI CHECKLIST

# The Complete JLPT N5 Kanji Checklist

Every kanji you need for N5 — the entry-level JLPT credential — in one printable, checkable list. All 105 characters, organized by theme, with real example words for each.

**105** total kanji

**9** themed categories

**N5** the foundation level

## About Japademy

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## How to actually use this list

Don't just scroll down and read it once — that feels productive but barely moves the needle. Kanji sticks when you make your brain work for it, not when you skim past it.

- 1. Cover the readings, test yourself.** Hide the onyomi/kunyomi column with your hand and see if you can recall it from the kanji alone.
  - 2. Check it off only when it's automatic** — under two seconds, no hesitation. If you had to think, leave it unchecked and come back tomorrow.
  - 3. Revisit unchecked kanji every few days.** Spaced repetition beats one long cram session every time.
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## What's next after N5

N5 proves you can handle daily-life basics — greetings, simple directions, present-tense verbs, and the numbers and time words you need to get through a day in Japan.

N4 is where real reading starts. Verb conjugation gets more complex, and the 188 new kanji at that level map onto everyday nouns, adjectives, and doing-words you'll actually use in conversation — not just recognize on a page.

If this list already feels comfortable, N4 is the natural next step — not a hard reset. Most of what you've built here carries straight over.

## Quick primer: onyomi vs. kunyomi

Every kanji has at least one onyomi and one kunyomi reading — and knowing roughly when to expect each one saves you from second-guessing on exam day.

**Onyomi (音読み)** is the "sound reading," borrowed from Chinese pronunciation centuries ago. You'll mostly see it when a kanji combines with other kanji to form a compound word (熟語) — no hiragana in between.

**Kunyomi (訓読み)** is the native Japanese reading, tied to the word's original meaning. You'll mostly see it when a kanji stands alone or is followed by hiragana okurigana.

### ONYOMI IN ACTION

学校

がっこう — school (kanji + kanji)

### KUNYOMI IN ACTION

学ぶ

まなぶ — to learn (kanji + hiragana)

Rule of thumb, not a law: **kanji + kanji → usually onyomi. Kanji alone, or kanji + hiragana → usually kunyomi.** Japanese has plenty of exceptions, but this gets you right most of the time — and that's exactly why every kanji below lists both readings.

## ⚠ Kanji that trip everyone up

These pairs show up constantly in N5 practice tests, and they're rarely a vocabulary problem — they're a "I glanced at it too fast" problem. Slow down on these six.

人 vs 入 vs 八

person / enter / eight — same shape, three different meanings. Look for where the strokes cross.

白 vs 百

white vs. hundred — a single bar is the only difference between them.

右 vs 石

right vs. stone — same top two strokes, different bottom. Easy to swap at a glance.

二 vs 三

two vs. three — miscounting the horizontal lines is the single most common N5 slip.

山 vs 出

mountain vs. to exit — 出 is basically two 山 stacked. Look for the doubled peak.

母 vs 每

mother vs. every — near-identical top, one extra stroke at the bottom of 每.

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## THE FULL LIST

# N5 Kanji – 105 characters

Every kanji tested at N5, organized by theme (numbers, nature, family, and so on) rather than stroke count or textbook order — kanji that live in the same mental neighborhood are easier to keep straight than a list sorted by difficulty.

## Numbers

|                          |   |                                  |                                              |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 一 | onyomi いち・いつ kunyomi ひと<br>one   | いちがつ<br>一月 January<br>ひとつ<br>一つ one (thing)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 二 | onyomi に kunyomi ふた<br>two       | にがつ<br>二月 February<br>ふたり<br>二人 two people   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 三 | onyomi さん kunyomi み<br>three     | さんがつ<br>三月 March<br>みっつ<br>三つ three (things) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 四 | onyomi し kunyomi よ・よん<br>four    | しがつ<br>四月 April<br>よっつ<br>四つ four (things)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 五 | onyomi ご kunyomi いつ<br>five      | ごがつ<br>五月 May<br>いつつ<br>五つ five (things)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 六 | onyomi ろく kunyomi む<br>six       | ろくがつ<br>六月 June<br>むっつ<br>六つ six (things)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 七 | onyomi しち kunyomi なな・なの<br>seven | しちがつ<br>七月 July<br>ななつ<br>七つ seven (things)  |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 八 | onyomi はち kunyomi や<br>eight | はちがつ<br>八月 August<br>やっつ<br>八つ eight (things) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 九 | onyomi く・きゅう kunyomi ここの<br>nine | くがつ<br>九月 September<br>ここのつ<br>九つ nine (things) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 十 | onyomi じゅう kunyomi とお<br>ten | じゅうがつ<br>十月 October<br>とおか<br>十日 the 10th / ten days |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 百 | onyomi ひゃく kunyomi ー<br>hundred | ひゃくえん<br>百 円 100 yen |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 千 | onyomi せん kunyomi ー<br>thousand | せんえん<br>千 円 1,000 yen |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 万 | onyomi まん・ばん kunyomi ー<br>ten thousand | いちまんえん<br>一 万 円 10,000 yen |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 円 | onyomi えん kunyomi ー<br>yen / circle | ごひゃくえん<br>五 百 円 500 yen |
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## Time

|                          |   |                              |                                              |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 年 | onyomi ねん kunyomi とし<br>year | ことし<br>今年 this year<br>まいとし<br>毎年 every year |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 月 | onyomi げつ・がつ kunyomi つき<br>month / moon | こんげつ<br>今 月 this month<br>つきみ<br>月 見 moon viewing |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 日 | onyomi にち・じつ kunyomi ひ・か<br>day / sun | まいにち<br>毎 日 every day<br>みっか<br>三 日 three days / the 3rd |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 時 | onyomi じ kunyomi とき<br>time / hour | じかん<br>時 間 time / hours<br>ときどき<br>時 々 sometimes |
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分

onyomi ふん・ぶん kunyomi わ  
minute / part

さんじゅっぶん  
三十分 30 minutes  
わける  
分ける to divide



半

onyomi はん kunyomi ー  
half

さんじはん  
三時半 3:30



今

onyomi こん・きん kunyomi いま  
now

きょう  
今日 today  
ただいま  
只今 right now / I'm home



毎

onyomi まい kunyomi ー  
every

まいしゅう  
毎週 every week



週

onyomi しゅう kunyomi ー  
week

らいしゅう  
来週 next week

## Nature



山

onyomi さん kunyomi やま  
mountain

ふじさん  
富士山 Mt. Fuji  
やまみち  
山道 mountain path



川

onyomi せん kunyomi かわ  
river

かせん  
河川 rivers (formal)  
かわぎし  
川岸 riverbank



木

onyomi もく・ぼく kunyomi き・こ  
tree

もくようび  
木曜日 Thursday  
このは  
木の葉 a leaf



林

onyomi りん kunyomi はやし  
woods

りんどう  
林道 forest trail  
はやしのなか  
林の中 in the woods



森

onyomi しん kunyomi もり  
forest

しんりん  
森林 forest / woodland  
もりのなか  
森の中 in the forest



田

onyomi でん kunyomi た  
rice field

でんえん  
田園 countryside  
たんぼ  
田んぼ rice paddy

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 花 | onyomi か kunyomi はな<br>flower | かびん<br>花瓶 vase<br>はなみ<br>花見 cherry-blossom viewing |
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|                          |   |                                       |                                           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 空 | onyomi くう kunyomi そら・あ<br>sky / empty | くうこう<br>空港 airport<br>あおぞら<br>青空 blue sky |
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|                          |   |                                |                                              |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 雨 | onyomi う kunyomi あめ・あま<br>rain | おおあめ<br>大雨 heavy rain<br>あまぐ<br>雨具 rain gear |
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### Position & direction

|                          |   |                                          |                                               |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 上 | onyomi じょう kunyomi うえ・うわ・あ<br>up / above | つくえのうえ<br>机の上 on the desk<br>うわぎ<br>上着 jacket |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 下 | onyomi か・げ kunyomi した・しも・さ<br>down / below | へ た<br>下手 unskilled<br>したぎ<br>下着 underwear |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 中 | onyomi ちゅう kunyomi なか<br>middle / inside | ちゅうがっこう<br>中学校 middle school<br>なかみ<br>中身 contents |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 右 | onyomi う・ゆう kunyomi みぎ<br>right | うせつ<br>右折 turning right<br>みぎて<br>右手 right hand |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 左 | onyomi さ kunyomi ひだり<br>left | させつ<br>左折 turning left<br>ひだりて<br>左手 left hand |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 外 | onyomi がい・げ kunyomi そと・はず<br>outside | がいこく<br>外国 foreign country<br>そとがわ<br>外側 outside / exterior |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 前 | onyomi ぜん kunyomi まえ<br>front / before | ごぜん<br>午前 a.m. / before noon<br>なまえ<br>名前 name |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 後 | onyomi ご・こう kunyomi うし・あと<br>back / after | ご ご<br>午後 p.m. / afterward<br>うしろ<br>後ろ behind |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 東 | onyomi とう kunyomi ひがし<br>east | とうきょう<br>東京 Tokyo<br>ひがしがわ<br>東側 east side |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 西 | onyomi せい・さい kunyomi にし<br>west | せいよう<br>西洋 the West<br>にしぐち<br>西口 west exit |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 南 | onyomi なん・な kunyomi みなみ<br>south | なんきょく<br>南極 the South Pole<br>みなみぐち<br>南口 south exit |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 北 | onyomi ほう kunyomi きた<br>north | ほっかいどう<br>北海道 Hokkaido<br>きたかぜ<br>北風 north wind |
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## Adjectives

|                          |   |                                |                                          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 大 | onyomi だい・たい kunyomi おお<br>big | だいがく<br>大学 university<br>おおきい<br>大きい big |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 小 | onyomi しょう kunyomi ちい・こ・お<br>small | しょうがっこう<br>小学校 elementary school<br>ちいさい<br>小さい small |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 高 | onyomi こう kunyomi たか<br>high / expensive | こうこう<br>高校 high school<br>たかい<br>高い high / expensive |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 安 | onyomi あん kunyomi やす<br>cheap / safe | あんぜん<br>安全 safety<br>やすい<br>安い cheap |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 新 | onyomi しん kunyomi あたら・にい<br>new | しんぶん<br>新聞 newspaper<br>あたらしい<br>新しい new |
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古

onyomi こ kunyomi ふる  
old

ちゅうこ  
中古 secondhand  
ふるい  
古い old



長

onyomi ちょう kunyomi なが  
long / chief

しゃちょう  
社長 company president  
ながい  
長い long



早

onyomi そう・さっ kunyomi はや  
early / fast

そうちょう  
早朝 early morning  
はやい  
早い early / fast



多

onyomi た kunyomi おお  
many

たぶん  
多分 probably  
おおい  
多い many



少

onyomi しょう kunyomi すく・すこ  
few / little

しょうねん  
少年 boy  
すこし  
少し a little



白

onyomi はく・びゃく kunyomi しろ・しら  
white

はくし  
白紙 blank paper  
しろいろ  
白色 white (colour)



黒

onyomi こく kunyomi くら  
black

こくばん  
黒板 blackboard  
くろい  
黒い black



赤

onyomi せき・しゃく kunyomi あか  
red

あかじ  
赤字 budget deficit  
あかじ  
赤字 budget deficit / red ink



青

onyomi せい・しょう kunyomi あお  
blue / green

せいねん  
青年 young person  
あおぞら  
青空 blue sky

## People



人

onyomi じん・にん kunyomi ひと  
person

にほんじん  
日本人 Japanese person  
ひとり  
一人 one person / alone



女

onyomi じょ・によ kunyomi おんな・め  
woman

じょせい  
女性 woman  
おんなのこ  
女の子 girl



男

onyomi だん・なん kunyomi おとこ  
man

だんせい  
男性 man  
おとこのこ  
男の子 boy



子

onyomi し・す kunyomi こ  
child

しそん  
子孫 descendants  
こども  
子供 child



父

onyomi ふ kunyomi ちち・とう  
father

ふ ぼ  
父母 father and mother  
ちちおや  
父親 father



母

onyomi ぼ kunyomi はは・かあ  
mother

ぼこく  
母国 one's home country  
ははおや  
母親 mother



友

onyomi ゆう kunyomi とも  
friend

ゆうじん  
友人 friend (formal)  
ともだち  
友達 friend



先

onyomi せん kunyomi さき  
previous / ahead

せんせい  
先生 teacher  
さきに  
先に ahead / first



生

onyomi せい・しょう  
kunyomi い・う・は・き  
life / birth

がくせい  
学生 student  
いきる  
生きる to live

## Society & places



国

onyomi こく kunyomi くに  
country

こくご  
国語 national language  
しまぐに  
島国 island nation



京

onyomi きょう・けい kunyomi —  
capital

とうきょう  
東京 Tokyo

|                          |   |                                               |                                                              |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 語 | onyomi ご kunyomi かた<br>language / word        | にほんご<br>日本語 Japanese language<br>かたる<br>語る to narrate / tell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 字 | onyomi じ kunyomi あざ<br>character / letter     | かんじ<br>漢字 kanji character                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 文 | onyomi ぶん・もん kunyomi ふみ<br>sentence / writing | ぶんしょう<br>文章 sentence / writing                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 学 | onyomi がく kunyomi まな<br>study / learning      | がっこう<br>学校 school<br>まなぶ<br>学ぶ to learn                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 校 | onyomi こう kunyomi ー<br>school                 | がっこう<br>学校 school                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 社 | onyomi しゃ kunyomi やしろ<br>company / shrine     | かいしゃ<br>会社 company<br>おやしろ<br>お社 shrine                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 会 | onyomi かい・え kunyomi あ<br>meeting / to meet    | かいしゃ<br>会社 company<br>あう<br>会う to meet                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 店 | onyomi てん kunyomi みせ<br>shop                  | てんいん<br>店員 shop clerk<br>おみせ<br>お店 shop                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 駅 | onyomi えき kunyomi ー<br>station                | えきまえ<br>駅前 in front of the station                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 車 | onyomi しゃ kunyomi くるま<br>car / vehicle        | でんしゃ<br>電車 train<br>くるま<br>車 car                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 電 | onyomi でん kunyomi ー<br>electricity            | でんき<br>電気 electricity / light                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 員 | onyomi いん kunyomi ー<br>member                 | かいしゃいん<br>会社員 office worker                                  |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 事 | onyomi じ・ず kunyomi こと<br>thing / matter | しごと<br>仕事 work / job<br>できごと<br>出来事 an event |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 仕 | onyomi し kunyomi つか<br>to serve | しごと<br>仕事 work / job<br>つかえる<br>仕える to serve |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 次 | onyomi じ・し kunyomi つぎ・つ<br>next | じかい<br>次回 next time<br>つぎに<br>次に next |
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### Question words

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 何 | onyomi なに kunyomi なに・なん<br>what | なんじ<br>何時 what time |
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### Verbs (kanji components)

|                          |   |                                     |                                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 入 | onyomi にゅう kunyomi い・はい<br>to enter | にゅうがく<br>入学 school enrolment<br>はいる<br>入る to enter |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 出 | onyomi しゅつ・すい kunyomi で・だ<br>to exit | しゅっぱつ<br>出発 departure<br>でぐち<br>出口 exit |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 行 | onyomi こう・ぎょう<br>kunyomi い・ゆ・おこな<br>to go | りょこう<br>旅行 travel / trip<br>いく<br>行く to go |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 来 | onyomi らい kunyomi く・き・こ<br>to come | らいねん<br>来年 next year<br>くる<br>来る to come |
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|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 見 | onyomi けん kunyomi み<br>to see | けんぶつ<br>見物 sightseeing<br>みる<br>見る to see |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|



# 聞

onyomi ぶん・もん kunyomi き  
to listen / hear

しんぶん  
新聞 newspaper  
きく  
聞く to listen



# 読

onyomi どく kunyomi よ  
to read

どくしょ  
読書 reading (books)  
よむ  
読む to read



# 書

onyomi しょ kunyomi か  
to write

じしょ  
辞書 dictionary  
かく  
書く to write



# 話

onyomi わ kunyomi はな・はなし  
to speak / story

でんわ  
電話 telephone  
はなす  
話す to speak



# 食

onyomi しょく kunyomi た・く  
to eat

しょくどう  
食堂 cafeteria  
たべる  
食べる to eat



# 飲

onyomi いん kunyomi の  
to drink

いんしょく  
飲食 food and drink  
のみもの  
飲み物 a drink



# 買

onyomi ばい kunyomi か  
to buy

ばいばい  
売買 buying and selling  
かいもの  
買い物 shopping



# 休

onyomi きゅう kunyomi やす  
to rest

きゅうか  
休暇 vacation  
やすみ  
休み a break / holiday



# 帰

onyomi き kunyomi かい  
to return

きこく  
帰国 returning to one's country  
かえる  
帰る to return



# 起

onyomi き kunyomi お  
to wake up / rise

きしょう  
起床 getting up  
おきる  
起きる to wake up



# 待

onyomi たい kunyomi ま  
to wait

きたい  
期待 expectation  
まちあいしつ  
待合室 waiting room



作

onyomi さく kunyomi つく  
to make

さくぶん  
作文 composition / essay  
つくる  
作る to make



思

onyomi し kunyomi おも  
to think

しこう  
思考 thought  
おもいで  
思い出 a memory



言

onyomi げん・ごん kunyomi い・こと  
to say

げんご  
言語 language  
ことば  
言葉 word / language



働

onyomi どう kunyomi はたら  
to work

ろうどう  
労働 labor  
はたらきもの  
働き者 hard worker

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