

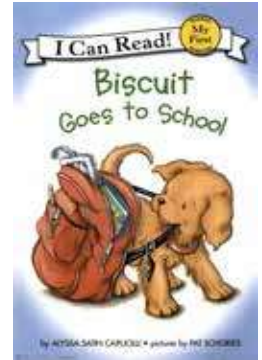
Grade K

In total, 276,599 kindergartners read 6,064,405 books with 2,094,691,020 words during the 2016–2017 school year. On average, boys read 7,192 words and girls read 7,581. Approximately 47% of books were read to students, 21% were read with students, and 32% were read independently.

Top 25 Books Overall: Grade K

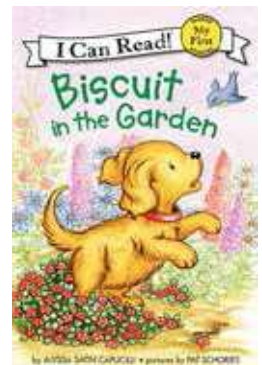
Rank	2015–16 Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	1	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
2	2	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
3	3	Biscuit Finds a Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
4	4	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
5	5	Biscuit's Big Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
6	6	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)
7	7	Biscuit Wants to Play , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
8	10	Biscuit's Day at the Farm , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
9	8	Biscuit Wins a Prize , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
10	9	Biscuit and the Baby , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
11	12	Biscuit Meets the Class Pet , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
12	13	Biscuit and the Lost Teddy Bear , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.7, LG)
13	14	Biscuit and the Little Pup , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.7, LG)
14	11	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)
15	15	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)
16	31	Biscuit in the Garden , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
17	16	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! , Mo Willems (0.9, LG)
18	17	Big Egg , Molly Coxe (0.4, LG)
19	27	Pete the Cat: Pete's Big Lunch , James Dean (1.2, LG)
20	19	Biscuit Visits the Big City , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.0, LG)
21	18	Bathtime for Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.1, LG)
22	29	Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes , Eric Litwin (1.5, LG)
23	33	Can I Play Too? , Mo Willems (0.6, LG)
24	22	Biscuit's New Trick , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.0, LG)
25	21	Clifford Makes a Friend , Norman Bridwell (0.4, LG)

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Top Book Overall

Biscuit Goes to School,
Alyssa Satin Capucilli
(0.9, LG)



Moved Up 15 Spots

Biscuit in the Garden,
Alyssa Satin Capucilli
(0.9, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Books: Grade K

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	I Am Water , Jean Marzollo (0.6, LG)
2	From Head to Toe , Eric Carle (1.0, LG)
3	Jump, Pup! , Susan B. Neuman (0.5, LG)
4	I'm a Caterpillar , Jean Marzollo (0.9, LG)
5	Dogs , Helen Frost (0.5, LG)
6	Fish , Helen Frost (0.5, LG)
7	Cats , Helen Frost (0.6, LG)
8	A Whisper Is Quiet , Carolyn Lunn (0.5, LG)
9	My Five Senses , Alike (2.0, LG)
10	Birds , Helen Frost (0.6, LG)



Top Nonfiction Book

I Am Water,
Jean Marzollo (0.6, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Articles: Grade K

Rank	Title (ATOS® level)*	Source
1	Why Do We Have a Groundhog Predict the Weather? (4.6)	Nick News
2	How Many Marshmallows Does It Take to Beat a World Record? (3.8)	Nick News
3	The Puzzle of the Polar Bear with Green Hair (3.6)	Highlights Magazine
4	A Crow That Makes Tools (4.1)	Highlights Magazine
5	Pet Pig Rescues Family from Fire (4.1)	Nick News
6	Cascarones: A Mexican Easter Egg Tradition (4.8)	Highlights Magazine
7	Peach-Basket Ball (3.5)	Highlights Magazine
8	Flopping, Hopping Frogs! (3.6)	Highlights Magazine
9	How Bats "See" When It's Dark (4.5)	Highlights Magazine
10	Spider-Man Climbs Tall Buildings (3.7)	Cricket Media

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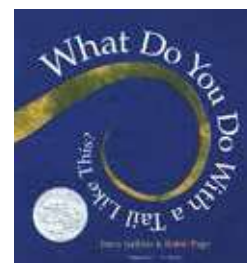
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Kids' Highest-Rated Books: Grade K

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? , Steve Jenkins (3.0, LG) NF
2	The Birthday Pet , Ellen Javernick (2.3, LG)
3	Please Take Me for a Walk , Susan Gal (2.2, LG)
4	Hen Hears Gossip , Megan McDonald (1.5, LG)
5	Peter's Chair , Ezra Jack Keats (1.8, LG)

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NF = nonfiction title.



Kids' Highest Rated

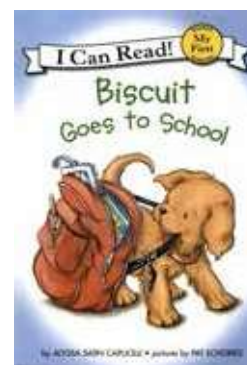
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Top 5 Books Read Independently: Grade K

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
2	Biscuit Finds a Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
3	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)
4	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
5	Biscuit's Big Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)

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Top Independent Book

Biscuit Goes to School, Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)

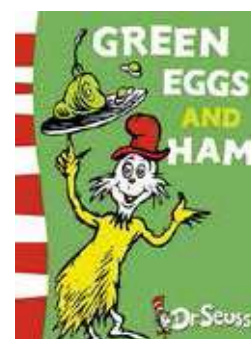
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Grade 1

In total, 976,645 first graders read 44,233,212 books with 25,471,818,738 words during the 2016–2017 school year. On average, boys read 25,276 words and girls read 25,867. Approximately 14% of books were read to students, 14% were read with students, and 72% were read independently.

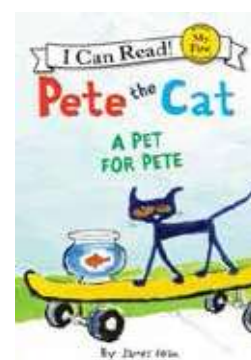
Top 25 Books Overall: Grade 1

Rank	2015–16 Rank	2014–15 Rank	2013–14 Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	1	1	1	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2	2	4	7	Hi! Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)
3	4	3	3	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)
4	3	2	2	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
5	5	5	4	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
6	6	7	6	Hop on Pop , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
7	11	42	6,330	Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School , Kimberly Dean (1.3, LG)
8	9	32	71	Pete the Cat: Pete's Big Lunch , James Dean (1.2, LG)
9	7	6	8	Are You My Mother? , P.D. Eastman (1.6, LG)
10	8	8	5	Biscuit Finds a Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
11	10	9	11	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)
12	14	12	9	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish , Dr. Seuss (1.7, LG)
13	12	10	15	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)
14	13	11	10	Go, Dog. Go! , P.D. Eastman (1.2, LG)
15	40	215	✗	Pete the Cat: A Pet for Pete , James Dean (1.7, LG)
16	24	25	33	Fly Guy and the Frankenfly , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)
17	20	17	17	Biscuit's Big Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
18	17	26	29	Buzz Boy and Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.3, LG)
19	34	59	381	Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach , James Dean (1.3, LG)
20	18	13	22	I Spy Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)
21	33	39	60	Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes , Eric Litwin (1.5, LG)
22	16	15	26	Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl! , Tedd Arnold (1.4, LG)
23	15	21	14	Biscuit Wants to Play , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
24	26	24	32	Super Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)
25	21	20	27	Shoo, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)



Top Book Overall

Green Eggs and Ham,
Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)



Moved Up 25 Spots

**Pete the Cat: A Pet for
Pete**, James Dean
(1.7, LG)

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✗ Title did not rank within report time frame.

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Top 10 Nonfiction Books: Grade 1

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	From Head to Toe , Eric Carle (1.0, LG)
2	I'm a Caterpillar , Jean Marzollo (0.9, LG)
3	Me on the Map , Joan Sweeney (1.8, LG)
4	Red-Eyed Tree Frog , Joy Cowley (1.3, LG)
5	I Am Water , Jean Marzollo (0.6, LG)
6	Fly Guy Presents: Sharks , Tedd Arnold (2.8, LG)
7	Jump, Pup! , Susan B. Neuman (0.5, LG)
8	Animal Babies , Bobbie Hamsa (1.0, LG)
9	The Tiny Seed , Eric Carle (2.7, LG)
10	Johnny Appleseed , Jane Kurtz (1.1, LG)



Top Nonfiction Book

From Head to Toe,
Eric Carle (1.0, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Articles: Grade 1

Rank	Title (ATOS® level)*	Source
1	How Many Marshmallows Does It Take to Beat a World Record? (3.8)	Nick News
2	Kids Play to Win at Marbles (3.5)	Nick News
3	Students Swim to School (5.2)	Associated Press
4	Spider-Man Climbs Tall Buildings (3.7)	Cricket Media
5	Cascarones: A Mexican Easter Egg Tradition (4.8)	Highlights Magazine
6	Why Do We Have a Groundhog Predict the Weather? (4.6)	Nick News
7	Eating and Drinking in Outer Space (3.8)	Cricket Media
8	Let's Tour the White House Together (3.8)	Cricket Media
9	Girl Dreams of Going to Mars (4.5)	Nick News
10	There's an Easy Way to Get Kids to Eat Their Vegetables—Pay Them (4.1)	Smithsonian Articles

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Kids' Highest-Rated Books: Grade 1

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale , Lydia Dabovich (3.4, LG)
2	The Empty Pot , Demi (3.8, LG)
3	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)
4	Bear and Bee , Sergio Ruzzier (1.0, LG)
5	Mystery Vine: A Pumpkin Surprise , Cathryn Falwell (1.8, LG)

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Top 5 Books Read Independently: Grade 1

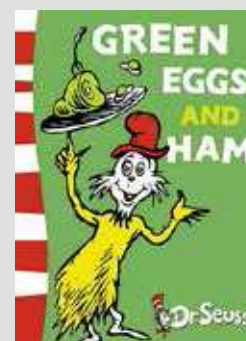
Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2	Hi! Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)
3	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
4	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)
5	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)

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10 Years of Number 1 Books: Grade 1

Report	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
2009 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2010 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2011 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2012 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2013 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2014 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2015 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2016 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2017 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2018 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)

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Number 1 Book, 2009-2018

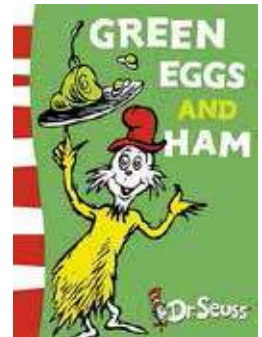
Green Eggs and Ham,
Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)

Grade 2

In total, 1,334,064 second graders read 78,096,523 books with 112,698,778,673 words during the 2016–2017 school year. On average, boys read 82,451 words and girls read 83,146. Approximately 8% of books were read to students, 7% were read with students, and 85% were read independently.

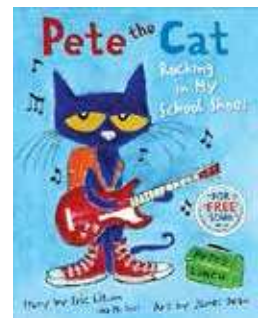
Top 25 Books Overall: Grade 2

Rank	2015–16 Rank	2014–15 Rank	2013–14 Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	2	2	1	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2	1	1	2	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
3	4	4	4	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)
4	3	3	3	Officer Buckle and Gloria , Peggy Rathmann (3.4, LG)
5	5	5	6	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)
6	6	6	7	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)
7	8	8	9	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)
8	7	7	8	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
9	9	9	10	If You Take a Mouse to School , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
10	11	11	15	Hi! Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)
11	10	10	5	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
12	12	14	24	Diary of a Spider , Doreen Cronin (2.5, LG)
13	13	12	12	If You Take a Mouse to the Movies , Laura Numeroff (2.1, LG)
14	17	18	11	Hop on Pop , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
15	15	13	19	Fly Guy vs. the Flyswatter! , Tedd Arnold (2.1, LG)
16	20	27	30	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)
17	14	16	21	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)
18	16	15	14	Are You My Mother? , P.D. Eastman (1.6, LG)
19	19	21	16	Diary of a Worm , Doreen Cronin (2.8, LG)
20	18	19	18	If You Give a Pig a Party , Laura Numeroff (2.2, LG)
21	28	29	20	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish , Dr. Seuss (1.7, LG)
22	31	38	48	Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes , Eric Litwin (2.2, LG)
23	21	25	26	Shoo, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)
24	25	22	29	Fly Guy and the Frankenfly , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)
25	22	24	22	Miss Nelson Is Missing! , Harry Allard (2.7, LG)



Top Book Overall

Green Eggs and Ham, Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)



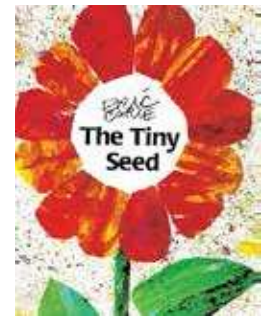
Moved up 9 Spots

Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes, Eric Litwin (2.2, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Books: Grade 2



Top Nonfiction Book

The Tiny Seed, Eric Carle
(2.7, LG)

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	The Tiny Seed , Eric Carle (2.7, LG)
2	Fly Guy Presents: Sharks , Tedd Arnold (2.8, LG)
3	Penguin Chick , Betty Tatham (3.4, LG)
4	Super Storms , Seymour Simon (3.8, LG)
5	My Name Is Gabriela: The Life of Gabriela Mistral , Monica Brown (4.3, LG)
6	Fly Guy Presents: Space , Tedd Arnold (3.3, LG)
7	Jellies , Twig C. George (3.4, LG)
8	Animals Building Homes , Wendy Perkins (3.3, LG)
9	Tara and Tiree, Fearless Friends , Andrew Clements (2.0, LG)
10	Fly Guy Presents: Bats , Tedd Arnold (3.3, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Articles: Grade 2

Rank	Title (ATOS® level)*	Source
1	Zones of Ocean Life (3.1)	Ranger Rick
2	Students Swim to School (5.2)	Associated Press
3	Why Do We Have a Groundhog Predict the Weather? (4.6)	Nick News
4	There's an Easy Way to Get Kids to Eat Their Vegetables—Pay Them (4.1)	Smithsonian Articles
5	Winter's New Tail (3.8)	Highlights Magazine
6	Kids Play to Win at Marbles (3.5)	Nick News
7	Texas Kids Bring Home Top National Chess Prize (3.7)	Nick News
8	The Science of Cookies (3.8)	Highlights Magazine
9	China's Latest Count Finds More Giant Pandas (4.8)	Associated Press
10	Backyard Wildlife: The Facts About Daddy Longlegs (4.0)	Ranger Rick

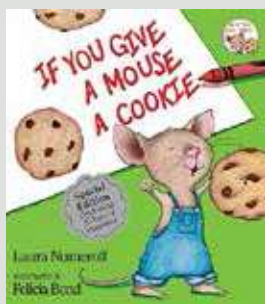
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10 Years of Number 1 Books: Grade 2

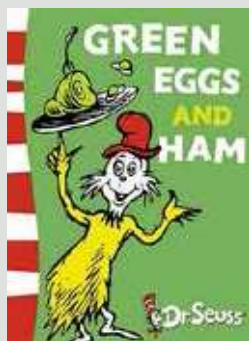
Report	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
2009 Edition	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)
2010 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2011 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2012 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2013 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2014 Edition	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
2015 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2016 Edition	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
2017 Edition	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
2018 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)

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Number 1 Book,
2009

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)



Number 1 Book,
2018

Green Eggs and Ham, Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)

Kids' Highest-Rated Books: Grade 2

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Bedtime , Annette Smith (0.6, LG)
2	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon , Grace Lin (5.5, MG)
3	A New Friend , Wiley Blevins (0.2, LG)
4	Willy the Helper , Catherine Peters (1.0, LG)
5	Wolf Pup , Wendy Pfeffer (1.2, LG) NF

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NF = nonfiction title.

Top 5 Books Read Independently: Grade 2

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)
3	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
4	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)
5	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)

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