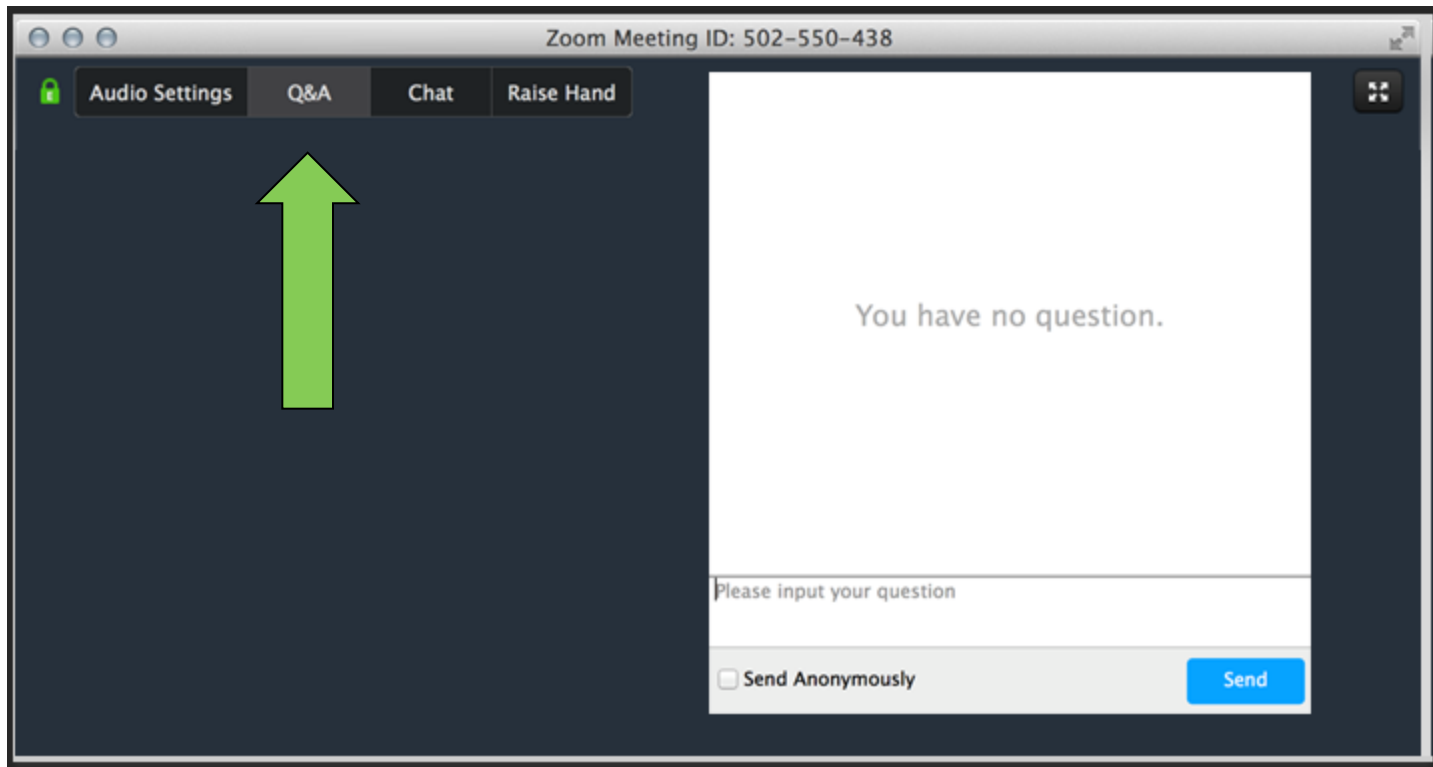# Accommodation Update

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- If you have question, please type it into the **Q&A** option.

- Attendee microphones will be muted. You will be in **listen only** mode.
- Today's presentation is being **recorded** and it will be archived and available on the IPDAE website within 48 hours.

Agenda

- Overview
- Testing Accommodations
- Documentation
- Helping Strategies
- Questions

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Accommodations Overview

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What's considered a disability?

Learning and Other Cognitive Disabilities	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	Psychological and Psychiatric Disorders	Physical Disorders and Chronic Health Conditions

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What is NOT considered a disability?

ESL

"Slow Learner"

Active substance abuser

Test anxiety

Homemade diagnoses
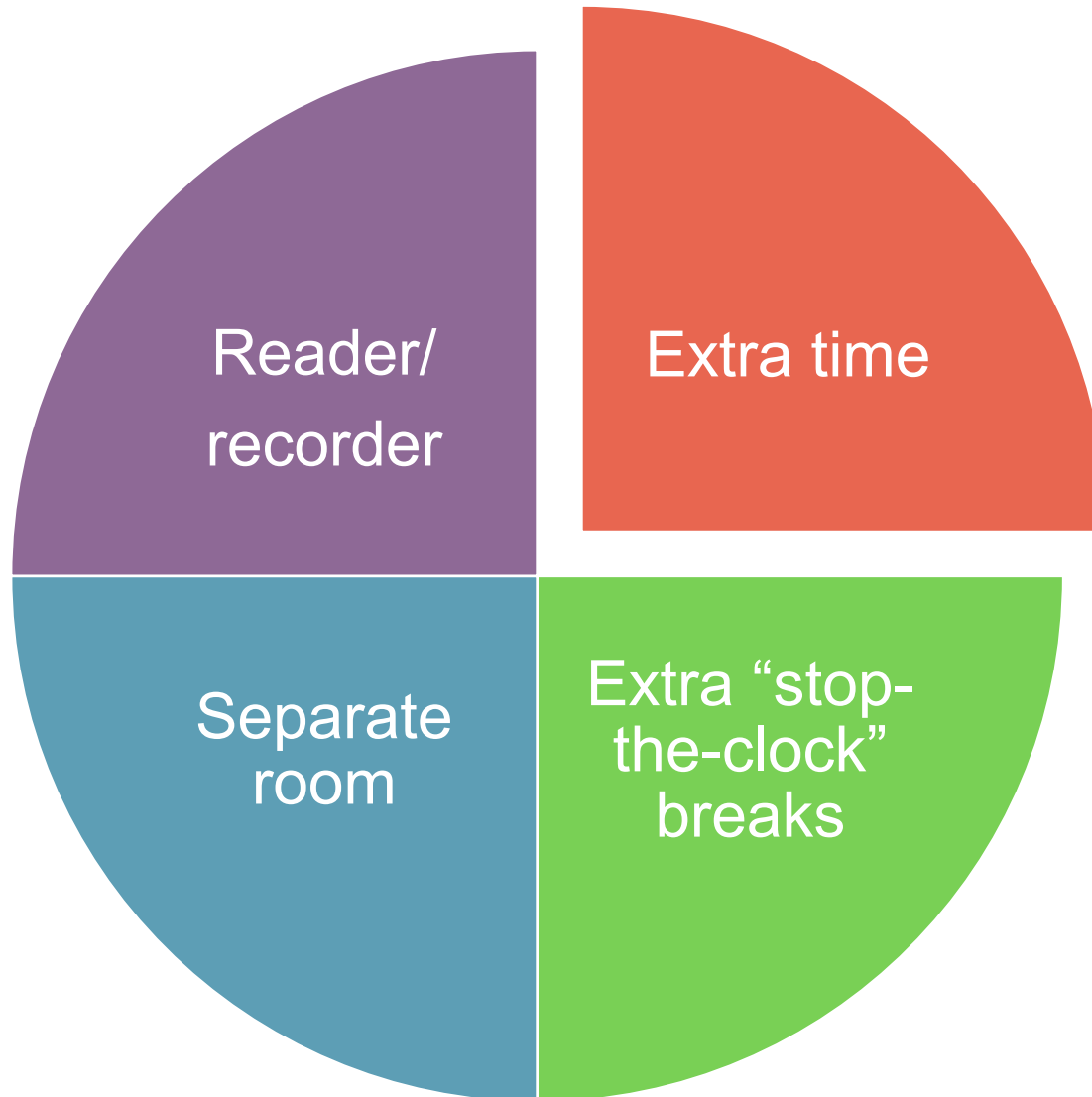
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New Features

Online Request System
- Candidates can request accommodations online. Starts with them clicking "yes" to the accommodation question on GED.com

Web Scheduling
- Candidates with approvals of extra time, breaks and other things that do not require manual intervention are now directed to schedule online.

Commonly Requested Accommodations
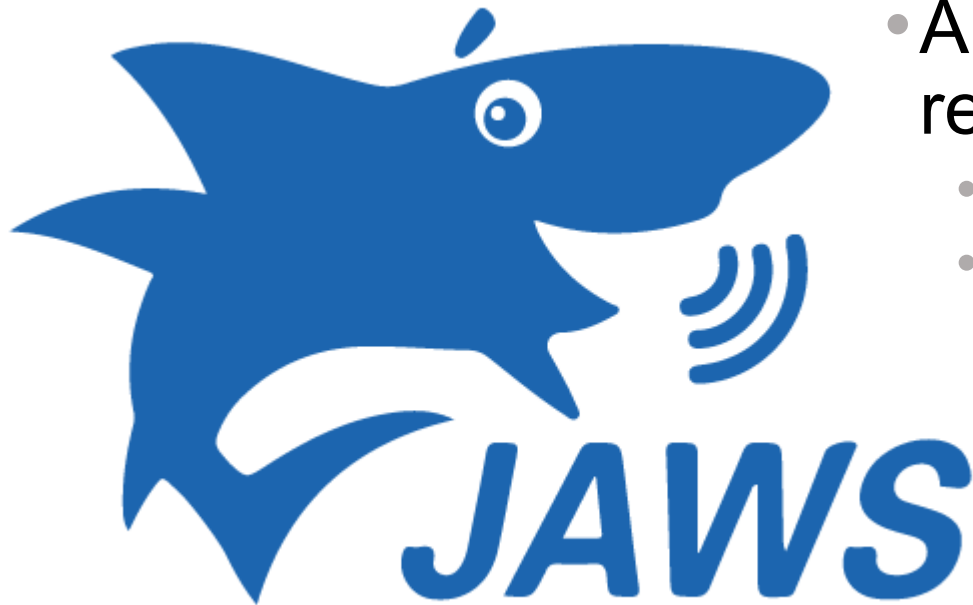
Assistive Technology

Universal Access features

Adaptive equipment

Magnification

JAWS

JAWS – Job Access With Speech

- Availability
- Proficiency requirements
- Approved candidates receive:
  - Free practice test link
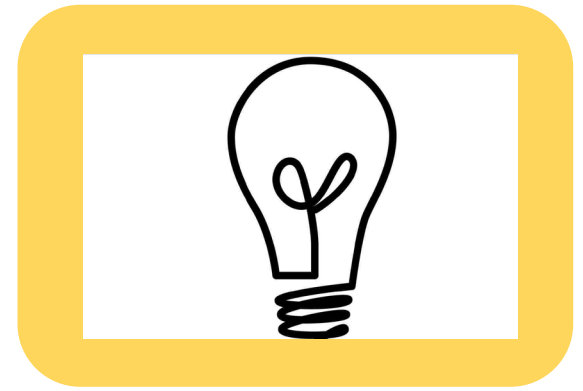 - keyboard shortcut reference

Emerging Trends in Accommodations and Accessibility

Accommodation vs Fundamental Alteration

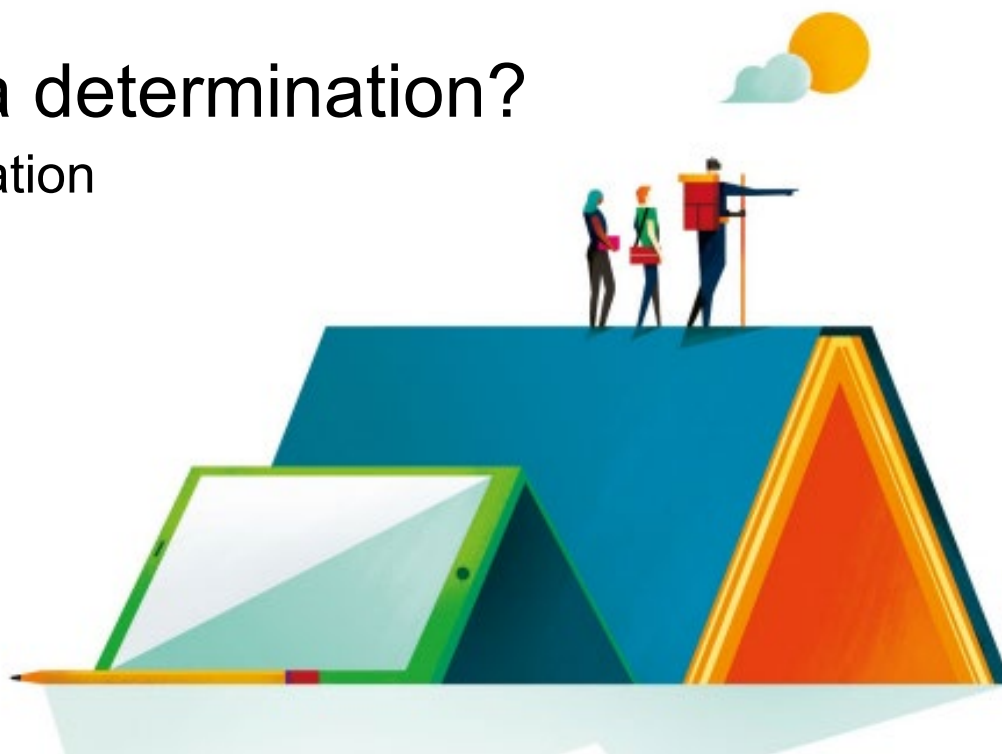Accommodations vs Security

Non-standard requests

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Ensuring Tester and Staff Security

- Threats to safety

- Candidate misbehavior in the test center

- Managing potentially dangerous candidates

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GEDTS Accommodation Review Process

- Who reviews requests?
- Where are the documentation guidelines?
- How do we make a determination?
  - Consider all documentation
  - Continual calibration
  - Written explanations

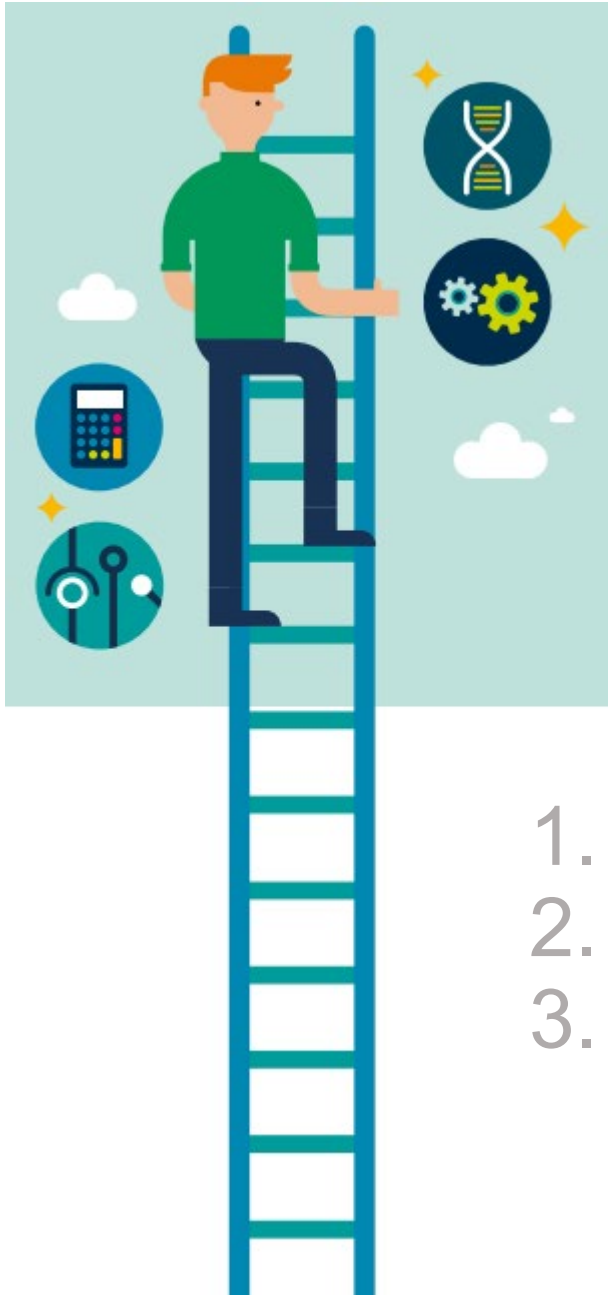# Things to Include in the Application

Complete application form

Advocate(s)

Documentation

Accommodations needed

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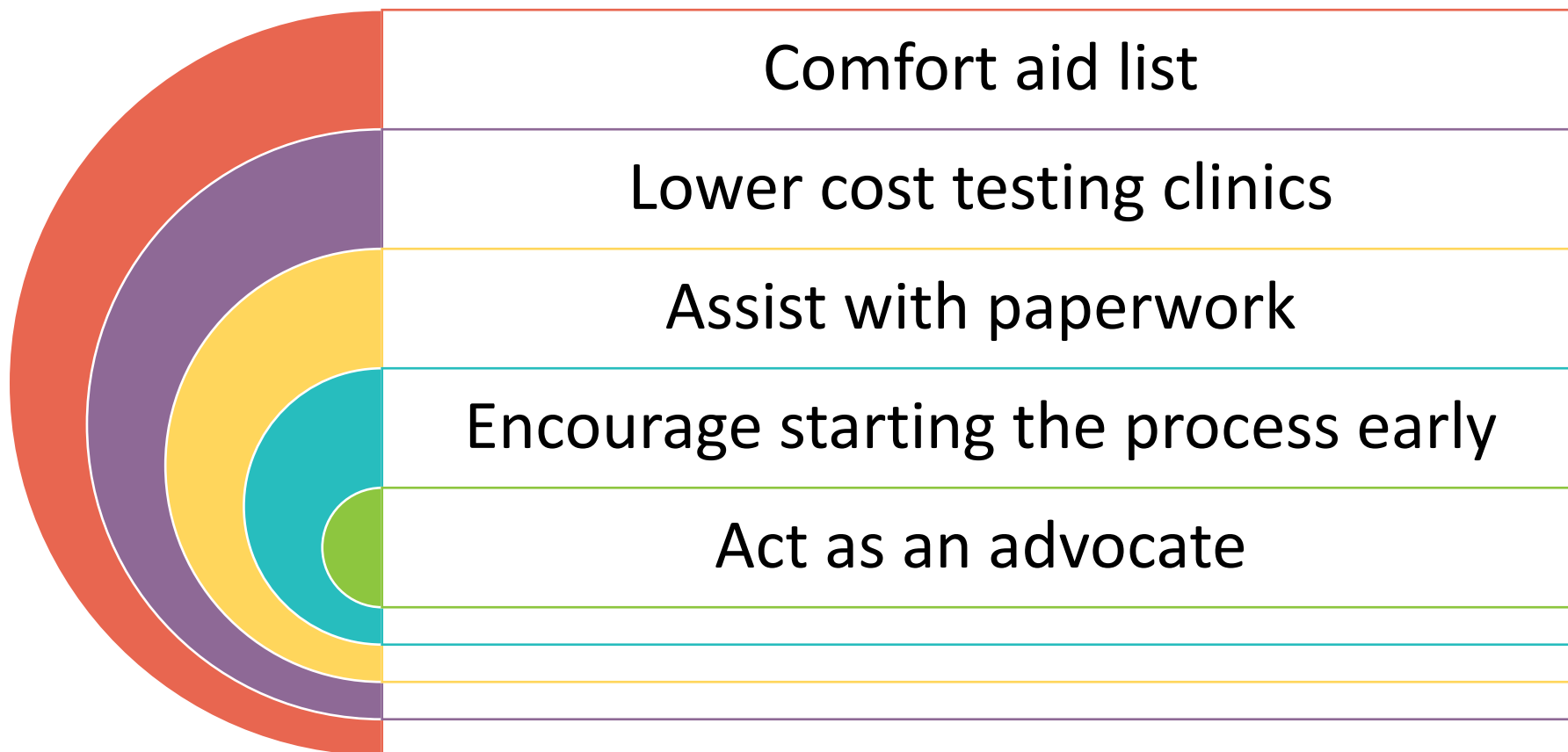
Incomplete Documentation

Top 3 causes of an incomplete application

1. No supporting documentation
2. Missing pages
3. Outdated documentation

How can you help your students?

Comfort aid list

Lower cost testing clinics

Assist with paperwork

Encourage starting the process early

Act as an advocate

Examples of Unacceptable Evaluators

- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Pastoral Counselor
- School Counselor
- Family physician (learning disabilities)
- Teacher
- Parent
- Neighbor

Outer Limits of Accommodations

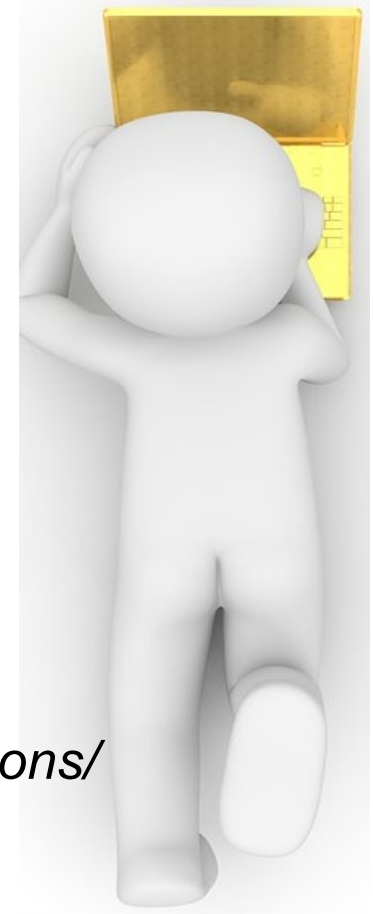|	
The accommodation cannot be so extreme that test validity is compromised	• 6X standard time
The accommodation cannot fundamentally alter the test's purpose	• Waiving a portion of the test
The accommodation cannot jeopardize test security or the safety of staff/others	• Testing at home • Administer medical care

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The Path to Request Accommodations

Using the Reasonable Adjustment Request System

Online Request System

- Benefits
  - Paper forms are replaced with 6 easy steps
  - Immediate feedback
  - Secure environment
  - No need to pay for faxing services
- *Paper request forms available at* https://ged.com/educators_admins/test_admin/corrections/

Resources

- Accommodation page
  https://ged.com/about_test/accommodations/

- Paper request forms
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- Contact accommodation department
  accommodations@ged.com

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Questions?

Give IPDAE Your **Feedback!**

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