



Mini Lectures Book ¹

EXAMPLE



- **1. Tourism and leisure:** *Cruise holidays the biggest cruise ship in the world.* [04:15]
- 2. Finance, business, marketing: Charities The National Trust [03:31]
- 3. **Technology / engineering:** *Electric cars.* [04:12]
- 4. **Environment:** Single use plastics bio-plastic the alternative? [04:12]
- 5. **Science / biology:** cybernetic organisms. [03:40]

<u>Level</u> ***** [B1/B2/C1]





Lecture content

1. Tourism and leisure: *Cruise holidays – the biggest cruise ship in the world* [04:15].

The 4-minute lecture focuses on the largest cruise ship in the world 'The Symphony of the Seas'. The lecturer provides facts and figures about the ship including size, staterooms, crew and features. He then illustrates the true cost of the ticket with many of the hidden costs not included in the 'all-inclusive price'. It finishes with a summary about the popularity of cruising. The listening test worksheet includes: table completion, summary gap fill, and vocabulary.

2. Finance, business, marketing: Charities – The National Trust [03:31].

The 3.35-minute lecture focuses on Europe's biggest conservation charity 'The National Trust'. The lecturer provides information on how it started, the property and land that they own and the cost of conservation. He then discusses the National Trust's annual income using their 2019/2020 annual report and highlights the diverse range of employment within the organisation. The listening test worksheet includes: open questions, gap fill & vocabulary.

3. **Technology / engineering:** *Electric cars – a comparison of two e-cars* [04:12].

The 4-minute lecture focuses on the recent facts and figures connected to the growth of electric car market. The lecturer compares the top two most popular models of EV in the UK at the moment. He then asks the question on whether the UK is ready for the electric car revolution and what needs to be done to meet this goal. The listening test includes open questions & table completion.

4. **Environment:** Single use plastics – bio-plastic the alternative? [04:12].

The 4-minute lecture focuses on the recent facts and figures connected to single use micro plastic pollution. The lecturer presents bioplastic as a possible alternative and analyses the company Vegware: plant-based compostable plastics. He discusses the process of creating bioplastic through the use of corn starch — polylactic acid. He questions whether bioplastic is a valid environmental alternative for SUPs and concludes by suggesting other measures that would be more successful. The listening test includes: open questions, table completion & summary gap fill.

5. **Science / biology:** *cybernetic organisms* [03:40].

The 3:40 minute lecture starts by defining cybernetic organisms and gives some examples of restorative medical procedures that are currently being offered. It then provides information about enhanced procedures that will be available in the near future. It finishes with a discussion about the ethical issues of cybernetic organisms. The listening test includes: gap fill exercises, open questions & multiple choice.







1. Cruises



Mini Lecture

EXAMPLE





Lesson Plan: Cruises

Lesson: Lecture Listening.

Time: 1 hour.

Level: *****[B1/ B2/C1].

Lesson Aim:

To focus on one key topic and develop a range of key academic skills based on this topic.

Introduction [5 minutes]

- Introduce the topic 'cruising'.
- What is a cruise?
- Have you ever been on a cruise or know anyone who has?
- What do you think about this type of holiday?

Listening: Lecture & Test Questions [30-40 minutes]

Video (04:12): Available in paid download MP3: Available in paid download

- Give out Listening: mini lecture worksheet.
- Students check key vocabulary.

Option 1

- Students look at the questions.
- Students listen & answer the questions.
- Give <u>2 minutes</u> to tidy answers.
- Students listen again. Check answers & answer missed questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project ANSWERS.

Option 2

- Students listen & take notes (use paper or the PPT slides)
- Students listen again & add to their notes.
- Students use their notes to answer the questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project ANSWERS.

Post lecture extra ideas

- Write a 100-word summary of the lecture.
- Apply critical thinking strategies to the lecture. Use this critical thinking question document: https://www.academic-englishuk.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Critical-Questions-a-linear-model-AEUK.pdf (writing, presentation or seminar).
- Research another cruise ship company (presentation or seminar).
- Research the positives and negatives of the cruise industry (presentation or seminar).





Listening: Mini Lecture Worksheet

Task 1: Key vocabulary

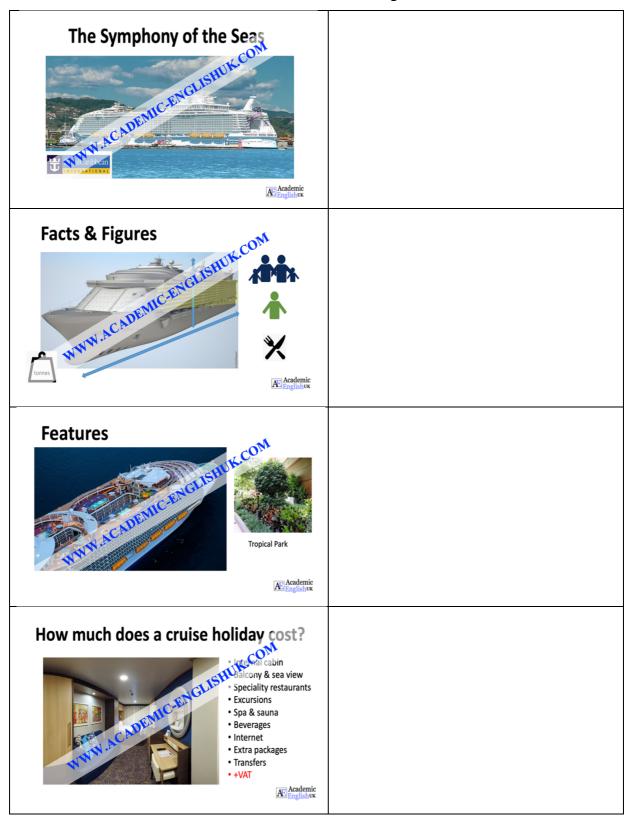
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Listening ANSWERS

Task 2: Table completion

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Symphony of the Seas Lecture Transcript

(C. Watts 2021)

Hello and welcome to this mini lecture today on the world's largest cruise ship the 'Symphony of the Seas' owned and operated by Royal Caribbean International. She took three years to build at a cost of over £1bn and offered her first passenger cruise on 7 April 2018 through the Mediterranean. The ship......

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2.Charities



Mini Lecture

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Lesson Plan: Charities

Lesson: Lecture Listening.

Time: 1 hour

Level: *****[B1/ B2/C1].

Lesson Aim:

To focus on one key topic and develop a range of key academic skills based on this topic.

Introduction [5 minutes]

- Introduce the topic 'charities'.
- What does charity mean?
- Have you ever donated to a charity?
- Have you ever volunteered for a charity?

Listening: Lecture & Test Questions [30-40 minutes]

Video (03:30): Available in paid download MP3: Available in paid download

- Give out Listening: mini lecture worksheet.
- Students check key vocabulary.

Option 1

- Students look at the questions.
- Students listen & answer the questions.
- Give <u>2 minutes</u> to tidy answers.
- Students listen again. Check answers & answer missed questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project ANSWERS.

Option 2 (harder)

- Students listen & take notes (use paper or the PPT slides)
- Students listen again & add to their notes.
- Students use their notes to answer the questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project ANSWERS.

Post lecture extra ideas

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- Apply critical thinking strategies to the lecture. Use this critical thinking question document:
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- Research another charity company (presentation or seminar).
- Research the positives and negatives of the charities (presentation or seminar).





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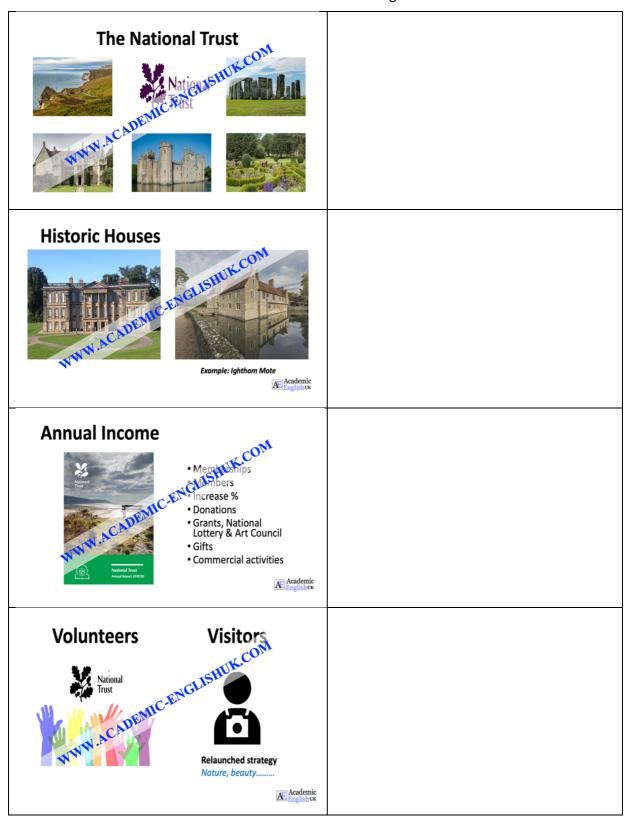
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'Nature, beauty and ______ For _____, for ever'



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Listening ANSWERS

2.1. Introduction

i.	When was the National Trust established?	1895
ii.	How many acres of land does it own?	610,000

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The National Trust Lecture Transcript

by C. Watts (2021)

Hello and welcome to this short lecture on Europe's largest conservation charity the National Trust. Established in 1895, with the acquisition of 4.5 acres of cliff land in Wales it now, 125 years later, owns 610,000 acres of land, 780 miles of coastline and more than 500 historic houses, castles, ancient monuments, gardens, parks and nature reserves, which provides access to everyone.

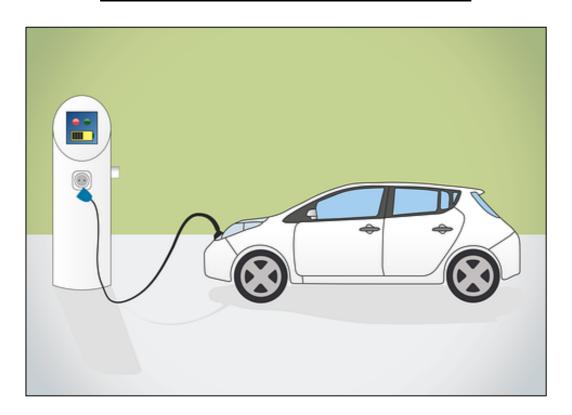
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3. Electric Cars



Mini Lecture

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Lesson Plan: Electric Cars

Lesson: Lecture Listening.

Time: 1 hour

Level: *****[B1/ B2/C1].

Lesson Aim:

To focus on one key topic and develop a range of key academic skills based on this topic.

Introduction [5 minutes]

- Introduce the topic 'electric cars'.
- What is an electric car?
- Do you or anyone you know own an electric car?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of electric cars?

Listening: Lecture & Test Questions [30-40 minutes]

Video (04:13): Available in paid download MP3: Available in paid download

- Give out Listening: mini lecture worksheet.
- Students check key vocabulary.

Option 1

- Students look at the questions.
- Students listen & answer the questions.
- Give <u>2 minutes</u> to tidy answers.
- Students listen again. Check answers & answer missed questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project ANSWERS.

Option 2

- Students listen & take notes (use paper or the PPT slides)
- Students listen again & add to their notes.
- Students use their notes to answer the questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project ANSWERS.

Post lecture extra ideas

- Write a 100-word summary of the lecture.
- Apply critical thinking strategies to the lecture. Use this critical thinking question document:
 https://www.academic-englishuk.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Critical-Questions-a-linear-model-AEUK.pdf (writing, presentation or seminar).
- Research another electric car (presentation or seminar).
- Research the positives and negatives of the electric cars (presentation or seminar).





Listening: Mini Lecture Worksheet

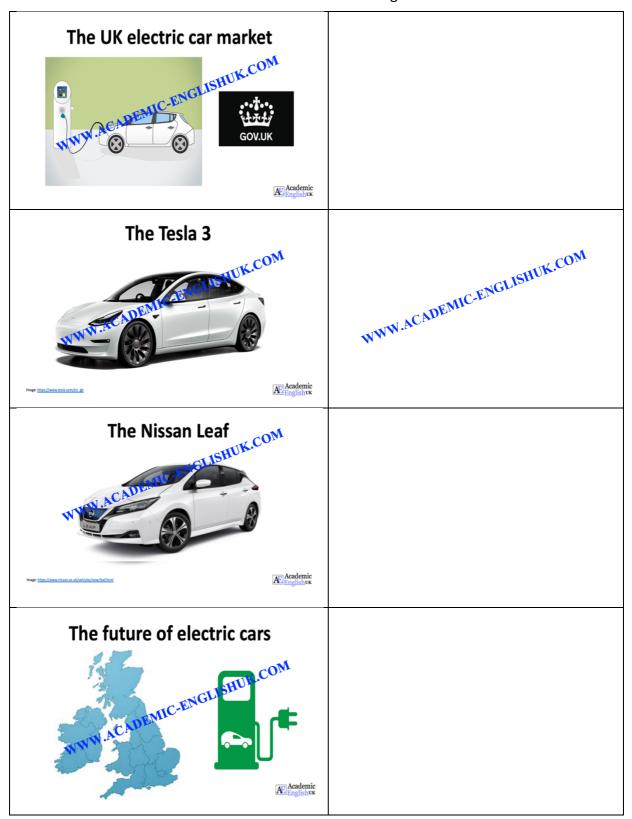
Task 1: Key vocabulary

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Total Score/18				



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Listening ANSWERS

Task 2: Lecture Listening

Listen to the lecture on the electric cars and fill in the information below.

2.1 Open Questions

i) What kind of growth has the electric car market seen in the last few years? (include data)

- Extremely positive growth over the last few years.
- From November 2020, grew by 10% compared to

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Electric cars lecture transcript

(C. Watts 2021)

Hello and welcome to this mini lecture on electric cars. The UK electric car market has seen extremely positive growth over the last few years. In fact, from November 2020, the market share of full-electric vehicles known as EVs and Hybrids known as PHEVs, grew by 10% compared to just under 3% the year before. According to Statistica, one out of ...

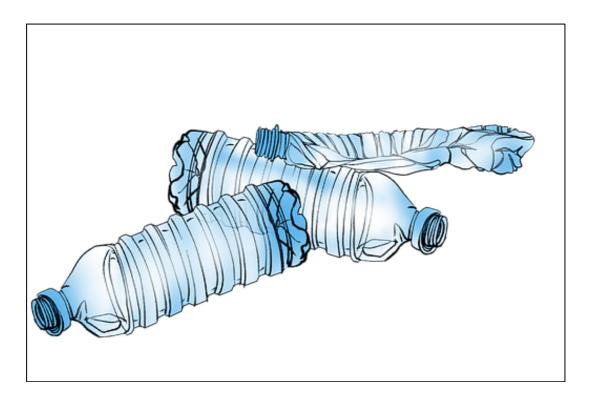
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4. Single use plastics



Mini Lecture

EXAMPLE





Lesson Plan: Single use plastics

Lesson: Lecture Listening

Time: 1 hour.

Level: *****[B1/ B2/C1].

Lesson Aim:

To focus on one key topic and develop a range of key academic skills based on this topic.

Introduction [5 minutes]

- Introduce the topic 'single use plastics'.
- What are single use plastics?
- Do you use single use plastics? Give examples.
- What are the problems with single use plastics?

Listening: Lecture & Test Questions [30-40 minutes]

Video (04:12): Available in paid download MP3: Available in paid download

- Give out Listening: mini lecture worksheet.
- Students check key vocabulary.

Option 1

- Students look at the questions.
- Students listen & answer the questions.
- Give <u>2 minutes</u> to tidy answers.
- Students listen again. Check answers & answer missed questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project ANSWERS.

Option 2

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- Students listen again & add to their notes.
- Students use their notes to answer the questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project ANSWERS.

Post lecture extra ideas

- Write a 100-word summary of the lecture.
- Apply critical thinking strategies to the lecture. Use this critical thinking question document: https://www.academic-englishuk.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Critical-Questions-a-linear-model-AEUK.pdf (writing, presentation or seminar).
- Research another type of bioplastic (presentation or seminar).
- Research the solutions to the single use plastics problem (presentation or seminar).





Listening: Mini Lecture Worksheet

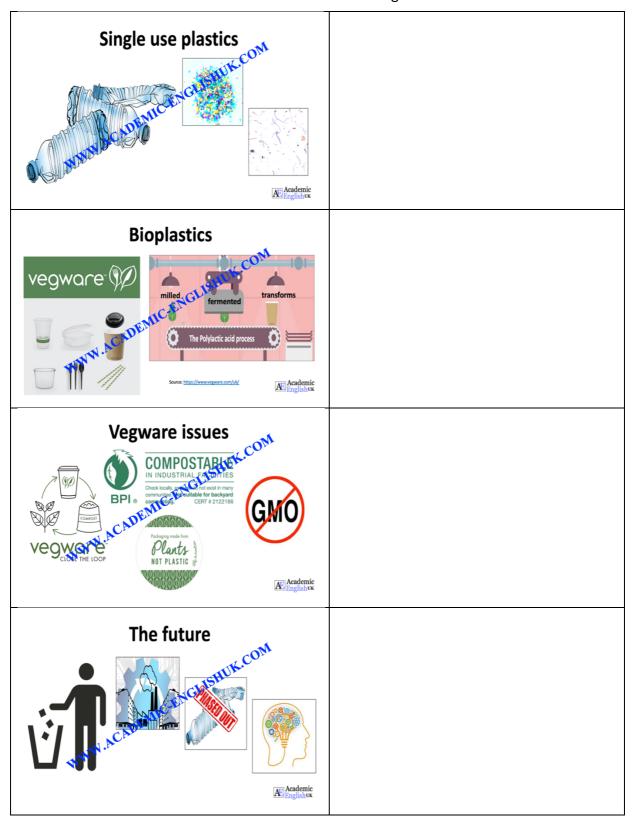
Task 1: Key vocabulary

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Listening ANSWERS

2.1 Open questions

i) What are single use plastics?

- Single use plastics derived from fossil fuel-based chemicals,
- Single-use plastics are used for packaging, bottles, wrappers, straws, and bags. (Any of these)

ALL ANSWERS ARE INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...

Single use plastics lecture transcript

(C. Watts 2021)

Hello, and welcome to this mini lecture on single use plastics and possible alternatives. As you may be aware plastic pollution has become a serious environmental issue. As we are just discovering, single-use plastics, derived from fossil fuel-based chemicals, and most commonly used for packaging, bottles, wrappers, straws, and bags, are breaking up into micro plastics in the environment. These are spreading....

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5.Biohacking



Mini Lecture

EXAMPLE





Lesson Plan: Biohacking

Lesson: Lecture Listening.

Time: 1 hour.

Level: *****[B1/ B2/C1].

Lesson Aim:

To focus on one key topic and develop a range of key academic skills based on this topic.

Introduction [5 minutes]

- Introduce the topic 'Biohacking'.
- Have you ever heard of Biohacking?
- What are cybernetic organisms?

Listening: Lecture & Test Questions [30-40 minutes]

Video (03:40): Available in paid download **MP3:** Available in paid download

- Give out Listening: mini lecture worksheet.
- Students check key vocabulary.

Option 1

- Students look at the questions.
- Students listen & answer the questions.
- Give <u>2 minutes</u> to tidy answers.
- Students listen again. Check answers & answer missed questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project ANSWERS.

Option 2

- Students listen & take notes (use paper or the PPT slides in the Appendix)
- Students listen again & add to their notes.
- Students use their notes to answer the questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project ANSWERS.

Post lecture extra ideas

- Write a 100-word summary of the lecture.
- Apply critical thinking strategies to the lecture. Use this critical thinking question document: https://www.academic-englishuk.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Critical-Questions-a-linear-model-AEUK.pdf (writing, presentation or seminar).
- Research other types of cybernetic organisms (presentation or seminar).
- Research the positives and negatives of biohacking (presentation or seminar).





Listening: Mini Lecture Worksheet

Task 1: Key vocabulary

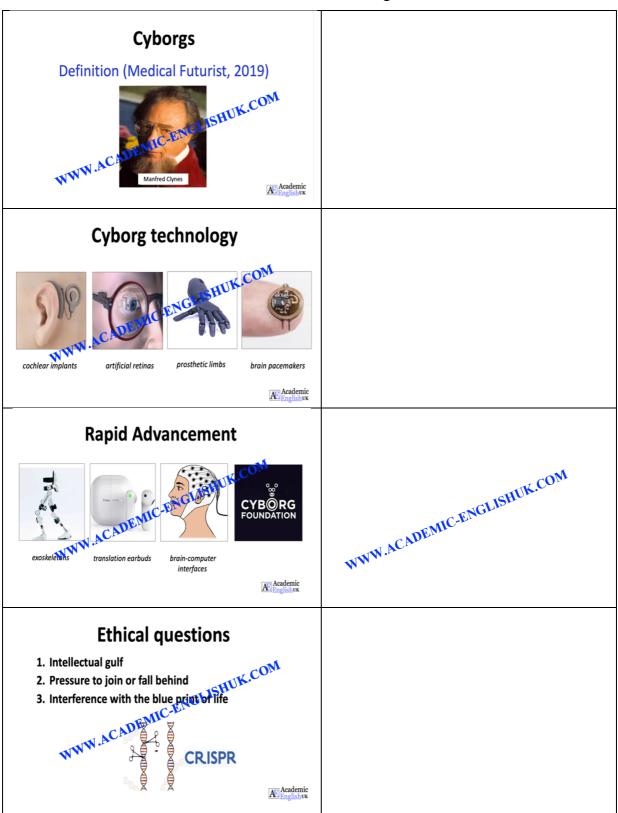
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Listening ANSWERS

2.1 Gap Fill

i) What are cybernetic organisms? Complete the gaps. The first letter is already given.

Cyborgs are a combination of organic and **mechanical** body parts to either improve body **malfunctions** or to enhance one's capabilities.

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Cybernetic Organisms lecture transcript

(C. Watts 2021)

Hello and welcome to this mini lecture on cybernetic organisms or commonly known as cyborgs. According to the Medical Futurist 2019, cyborgs are a combination of organic and mechanical body parts to either improve body malfunctions or to enhance one's capabilities. The term 'Cyborg' was coined in 1960 by Manfred Clynes, it was used to describe the technological enhancement of the human body for space travel through the use of DRUGS and SURGERY....

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