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Question Booklet

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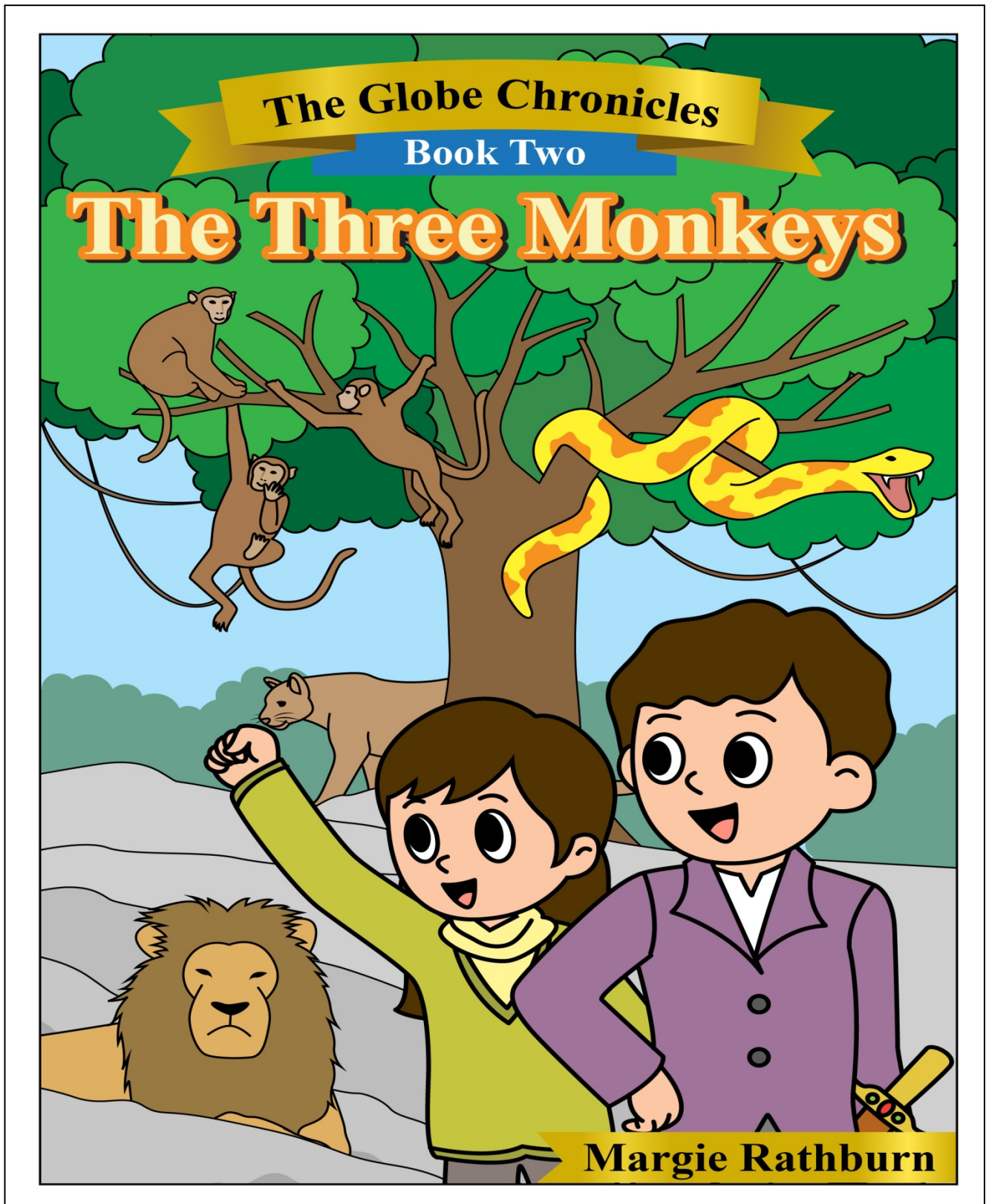
1. There are 16 pages in this Question Booklet.
2. Time allowed is 35 minutes.
3. Do not write anything in this Question Booklet.
4. **Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.**

Part 1

Your class has to prepare book reviews for the school magazine. Your English teacher has prepared a book cover, blurb and review for you to read.

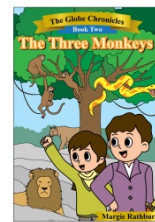
Read the book cover, blurb and review and answer the questions.

BOOK COVER



BOOK BLURB

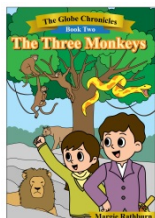
The Three Monkeys is a combination of jungle adventure and detective work. Margie Rathburn has taken completely opposite worlds and woven them together seamlessly.



Orphaned seventeen-year-old twins Simon and Maddie Wadsworth inherit *The Three Monkeys*, an estate in India, from an uncle they didn't know they had. Travelling to India, Simon and Maddie discover his diary. Reading it they find out some things that make them think that their uncle's death wasn't an accident. They decide to try to find out exactly what happened.

The search begins for the first clue mentioned in the diary. Simon and Maddie must work out the clues and soon, if they want to keep their inheritance and stay alive. There are people who would stop at nothing to get rid of the two siblings to get the estate and the riches hidden somewhere. Maddie and Simon don't know who to trust. With enemies everywhere the Wadsworth siblings are in for a wild ride.

REVIEW



The Three Monkeys is an exciting tale of adventure. Simon and Maddie aren't typical teenagers. They have just discovered a dead uncle they didn't know they had **AND** they have to travel to India to get their inheritance, an old estate with a huge palace. When they get to India they find a strange diary. What they read sends them on a journey through India, in search of clues to solve their uncle's death.

I really liked the character of Maddie. She is extremely likeable, friendly, smart and she loves her brother Simon. Simon, on the other hand, is annoying. He's a guy, so of course he is annoying! He thinks he knows everything.

Simon doesn't listen to Maddie and ignores everything she says, until it is too late. The scene at the old temple in the jungle is a great example of Simon getting them into trouble and Maddie getting them out of it. Simon doesn't read the diary pages carefully and misses important information. Maddie yells at him to wait before going into the old temple. He doesn't, she follows and they get trapped in a room that fills up quickly with sand. Maddie works out the puzzle that stops the sand. A secret door opens and they escape the deadly sand room!

They have many more adventures and meet lots of interesting secondary characters who are just as likeable. The villains are evil and horrible and it is a shock to eventually find out who is after Simon and Maddie. I was so upset I screamed. I am glad to know that there is a Book Three coming next year in which Simon and Maddie go on new adventures.

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

Book Cover

1. The title of the book is _____.
- A. The Three Monkeys
 - B. The Globe Chronicles
 - C. Book Two
 - D. Margie Rathburn

Book Blurb

2. The story is about _____.
- A. the twins finding out what happened to their uncle
 - B. Margie Rathburn travelling to India
 - C. The Three Monkeys estate in India
 - D. a wild ride
3. Maddie and Simon inherit an estate. Look at the word 'estate'. Which meaning corresponds to the word in the section?

1. (n) a car with a large carrying area and rear door access

The estate was used to carry the materials for the farm.

2. (n) a property where coffee, rubber, grapes or other crops are grown

The estate produced first class grapes that were made into wine.

3. (n) an area of land and modern buildings developed for residential, commercial or industrial purposes

Lucy and Tony work on the estate in that factory.

4. (n) all the money and property owned by a person, especially at death

In John's will, he divided his estate between his wife and daughter.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

4. Simon and Maddie _____.
- A. are teenagers
 - B. have no parents
 - C. are the same age
 - D. all of the above

5. The word in the third paragraph that describes information that is used to detect a crime is _____.
- A. diary
 - B. clue
 - C. inheritance
 - D. siblings
6. The enemies want to get rid of Maddie and Simon so that they can _____.
- A. go on a wild ride
 - B. get the money, house and land
 - C. stop Maddie and Simon from reading the diary
 - D. solve the clues first

Review

7. The reviewer likes Maddie but says that Simon is annoying because he’s a guy. From this we can guess that the reviewer is _____.
- A. a girl
 - B. a boy
 - C. a secondary character
 - D. a villain
8. Maddie and Simon get trapped in the room that fills with sand. What saves them is _____.
- A. reading the diary carefully
 - B. missing important information
 - C. the secret door
 - D. solving the puzzle
9. In a story, characters other than the main characters are called _____.
- A. secondary characters
 - B. typical teenagers
 - C. horrible characters
 - D. interesting characters
10. Another title for the book could be _____.
- A. Typical Teenagers
 - B. The Orphans And The Estate
 - C. The Wadsworth Siblings Write A Diary
 - D. Sand Puzzles In India

11. *The Three Monkeys* is Book Two in the series, with a third on the way. If there are only three books, the series is called a _____.
- A. quartet
 - B. duology
 - C. trilogy
 - D. triathlon
12. The book is a/an _____ story.
- A. adventure
 - B. horror
 - C. fantasy
 - D. romance

Part 2

All Form 3 students have to write a story based on a famous crime. Your English teacher has given you an article about a famous crime that happened a few years ago to help you prepare.

Read the article and answer the questions.

THE HK DAILY NEWS

www.hkdailynews.com.hk

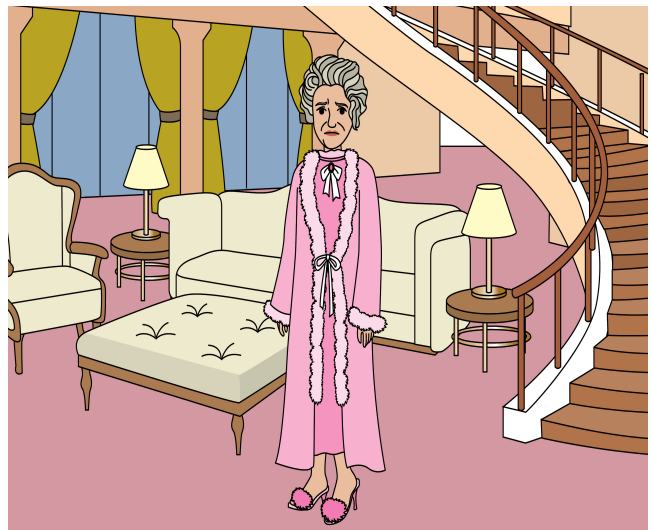
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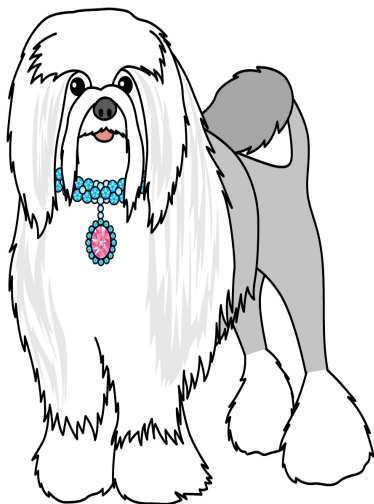
POOCH WEARING DIAMOND COLLAR KIDNAPPED

At midnight on Friday, 24th of July, police received a frantic call from Mrs. Winston Huxtable Chong. Her adored prize dog Fifi La Rue had been taken from the mansion she lived in with her owner. Police arrived at the mansion in Holly Hills Heights on Caine Road to find Mrs. Winston Huxtable Chong crying and wandering around in her pink night gown and fluffy pink slippers.

According to police reports, she woke to the sound of breaking glass. Upon investigating she found that a kitchen window had been broken and the back door to the mansion had been opened. She also found her maids and manservant gagged and tied up in their beds and the dog gone.



Mrs. Winston Huxtable Chong



Fifi La Rue

The dog, Fifi La Rue, is a prize-winning, pure bred Lowchen, or lion dog worth around \$50,000. Police believe Fifi was stolen because she was wearing a collar covered with diamonds. The collar is worth half a million dollars. The robbers could not remove the collar from the dog because of its special lock. The key to the lock is kept in a bank safe at the HSBC Bank in Central.

Police believe that the robbers will remove the collar and attempt to either sell the diamonds or smuggle them out of Hong Kong to sell on the international black market. An alert has been issued for the dog. Police have asked the public to be on the lookout for Fifi La Rue and to call Crime Watchers if they know or see anything. Mrs. Winston Huxtable Chong has also offered a reward of one million dollars to anyone who returns Fifi La Rue to her safe and sound.

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

1. According to the headline of the article, a ‘pooch’ was kidnapped. ‘Pooch’ is another name for _____.
 - A. the police
 - B. Mrs. Winston Huxtable Chong
 - C. the manservant
 - D. a dog

2. The animal was wearing _____ when it was taken.
 - A. a pink nightgown
 - B. a diamond collar
 - C. pink slippers
 - D. a key to a lock

3. Mrs. Winston Huxtable Chong was _____ the kidnapping.
 - A. extremely happy about
 - B. gagged during
 - C. very unhappy about
 - D. tied up during

4. On the night of the kidnapping, many things happened. What order did they occur in?
 1. waking to the sound of breaking glass
 2. calling police
 3. finding the back door open
 4. finding the maids tied up and the dog gone
 - A. 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - B. 2, 3, 4 and 1
 - C. 1, 3, 4 and 2
 - D. 3, 4, 2 and 1

5. The dog is valuable because it is _____.
 1. owned by Mrs. Winston Huxtable Chong
 2. a pure bred dog
 3. a prize-winning dog
 4. loved by the maids and manservant
 - A. 1 and 2
 - B. 2 and 3
 - C. 3 and 4
 - D. 1 and 4

6. The collar could not be removed from the dog because the robbers _____.
- A. didn't know how to open the lock
 - B. forgot to get the key from the bank
 - C. didn't ask Mrs. Winston Huxtable Chong for the key
 - D. didn't have the key to the lock
7. The diamonds will probably be sold on the 'black market'. Items sold on the 'black market' are most likely _____.
- A. stolen and illegal
 - B. sold in a market that is black
 - C. legally bought
 - D. sold by people wearing black
8. The reward being offered for Fifi La Rue is _____ dollars.
- A. fifty thousand
 - B. half a million
 - C. one million
 - D. diamonds worth half a million

Part 3

All Form 3 students have to write an email or a letter of complaint. Your English teacher has given you an email with attachment and a police report to help you prepare.

Read the email, the attachment and police report and answer the questions.

Email



TO: **complaintsdept@bednbrekkiehk.com**

SUBJECT: **Complaint about the rooms booked**

SEND 

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing to complain about the accommodation I booked through your website BedNBrekkieHK©. We (two adults & three children aged 10, 13 and 16) had booked to stay in a house in Green Mount Villas, Tai Po from the 20th of July to the 31st of July.

We arrived at Tai Po Market Station from the airport on the 20th at around 7.00 pm. We waited for the pick-up, which had been agreed to by the owner Mrs. Lau, but there was no pick-up. We waited for an hour and tried to call Mrs. Lau on the number she had provided in her emails. We were unable to reach her until 8.00 pm. She stated that she had not organised, nor agreed to a car pick-up service.

We took a taxi and met Mrs. Lau at the front entrance. She just gave us the keys, directions and left. We arrived to find the house in a mess. It looked like a pigsty. Not one room was tidy or clean. There was rubbish everywhere and the beds looked as if they had recently been slept in.

All calls to Mrs. Lau went to voicemail. We took photos and called the management office and police. They arrived, took photos and we made a report about the state of the house. We then handed the keys to the police and left. We caught a taxi to University Station, where we were only able to find a suite to accommodate us in the Grand Palisades Hotel for the rest of our stay in Hong Kong.

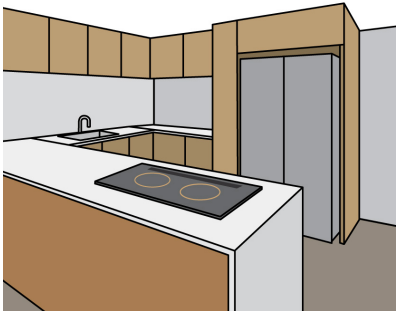
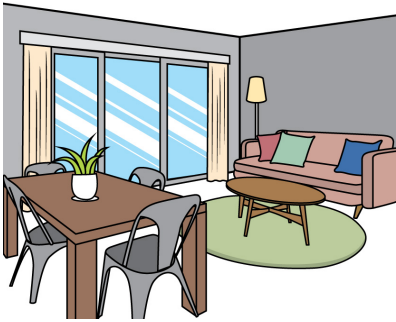
I am requesting a refund of the money paid for the stay in Green Mount Villas. Mrs. Lau has refused to refund the amount. I am also asking you to refund us for the taxi fare to Green Mount and the taxi to the hotel, as well as to compensate us for the stay in the hotel, which cost us more than what our stay would have cost.

I have attached pictures of the rooms as advertised, how we found them and the police report. I hope to hear from you soon.

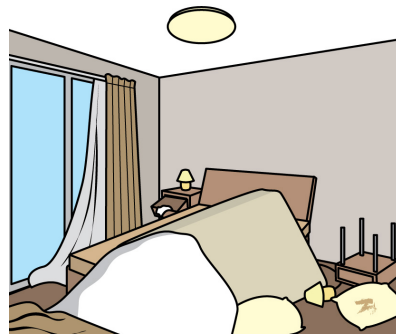
Best regards,
Margaret Jones

PHOTOGRAPHS

On website



What we found



Police Report



HK POLICE REPORT

PARTICULARS OF THE INCIDENT

Date: 20th July, 2016

Time: 8.45 pm

Location: House 6, Green Mount Villas, Tai Po

- i. Details: Called to the property at Green Mount Villas
- ii. Arrived location: 8.30 pm
- iii. BedNBrekkieHK© booking not as promised
- iv. House looked burgled
- v. Tried contacting owner Mrs. Lau – calls unsuccessful (8.35 pm)
- vi. Management Office notified & asked to call owner
- vii. Photos taken
- viii. Officers collected property keys
- ix. Informants moved to hotel
- x. Report filed (copies for informants & Management Office of Green Mount Villas) 9.00 pm

PARTICULARS OF THE INFORMANT

Name: Mr. and Mrs. K. Jones

Sex: M & F

HK ID No.: N/A

Tourists – Passport numbers K984309(J) & K965483(K)

ADDRESS: 32 Hughs Street, North Geelong, 3216, Victoria, Australia

Telephone Number: +61 3 52 787819

Email: k&mjones@hotmail.com.au

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

Email

1. The Jones family arrived in Hong Kong on the _____ of July.
 - A. 20th
 - B. 7th
 - C. 8th
 - D. 31st

2. The owner of the house is _____.
 - A. Mr. Smith
 - B. Mrs. Jones
 - C. Mr. Jones
 - D. Mrs. Lau

3. The pick-up was not at the station because _____.
 - A. the family was late
 - B. Mrs. Lau was late
 - C. Mrs. Lau didn't organise it
 - D. the family forgot to email Mrs. Lau

4. The Jones family caught a/the _____ to Green Mount Villas.
 - A. train
 - B. car
 - C. taxi
 - D. pick-up service

5. After arriving at Green Mount Villas, the family _____.
 - A. took a taxi
 - B. was left at the front entrance
 - C. was given the keys and directions
 - D. found a clean house

6. The house looked like a 'pigsty'. This means the house was _____.
 - A. clean and tidy
 - B. dirty and untidy
 - C. organised
 - D. full of pigs

7. Lots of things happened after the family arrived at Green Mount Villas. What is the correct order of the things that they did?
- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1. got keys | 2. found rubbish in rooms |
| 3. met Mrs. Lau | 4. took photos |
- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4
B. 2, 3, 4 and 1
C. 3, 1, 2 and 4
D. 3, 4, 2 and 1
8. Mr. and Mrs. Jones called _____.
- A. Mr. Smith to complain
B. the police to file a report
C. their children
D. none of the above
9. All calls to Mrs. Lau went to voicemail. This is because she _____.
- A. was already at the management office
B. did not own the house
C. had not got the house ready
D. was busy calling the police
10. The family ended up staying _____.
- A. in the Management Office
B. at Tai Po Market Station
C. at the Grand Palisades Hotel
D. in another house in the Villas
11. Mrs. Jones is writing to complain about _____.
- A. the BedNBrekkieHK© website
B. her children
C. the police report
D. the house in Green Mount Villas
12. Given the evidence – the letter, photos and police report, Mr. Smith from BedNBrekkieHK© will most likely _____.
- A. not refund the Jones family any money
B. give Mr. and Mrs. Jones the money to cover their expenses
C. not ban Mrs. Lau from advertising on the website
D. speak to the management office

Police Report

13. The officers arrived at the Villas at _____ pm.
- A. 8.45
 - B. 8.30
 - C. 8.35
 - D. 9.00
14. The word in the report that shows what the house looked like is _____.
- A. promised
 - B. unsuccessful
 - C. burgled
 - D. property
15. Including the original report filed, in total there are _____ copies of the report.
- A. one
 - B. two
 - C. three
 - D. four
16. The police report is helpful for the Jones family because it _____.
- A. backs up their story
 - B. provides evidence for the refund claim
 - C. means they won't be blamed for the state of the house
 - D. all of the above

END OF PAPER

Sources of materials used in this paper will be acknowledged in the Territory-wide System Assessment Report on the Basic Competencies of Students in Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics published by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority at a later stage.

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