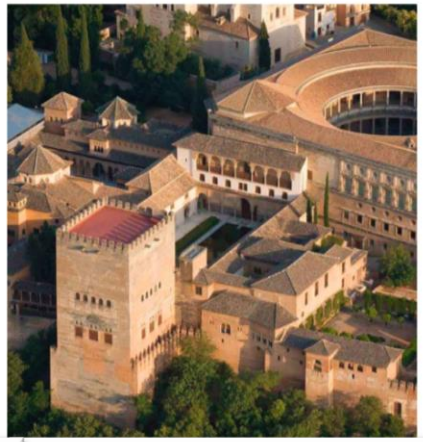
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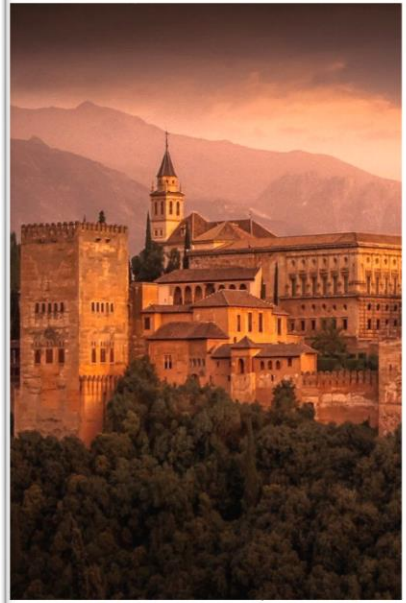
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Look at the pictures and answer the questions in your groups.

1. Where do you think this building is located?
2. Do you like the architecture of it? Why(not)?



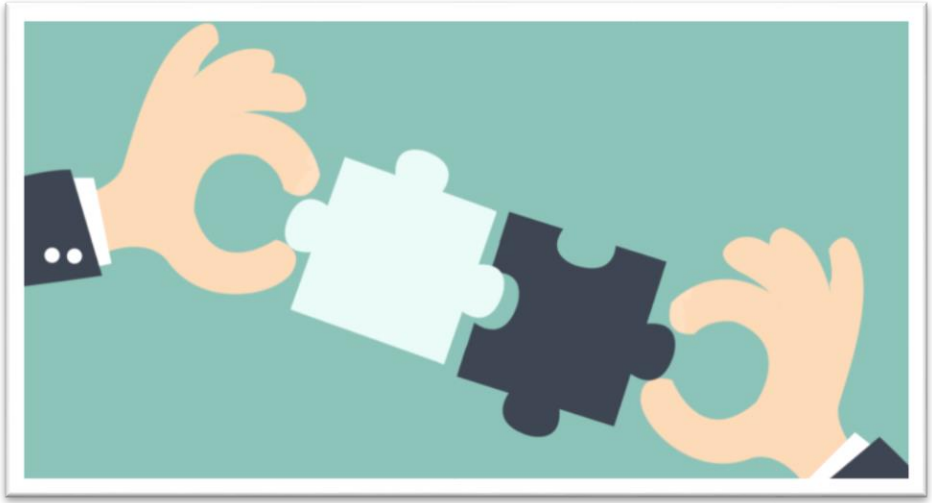




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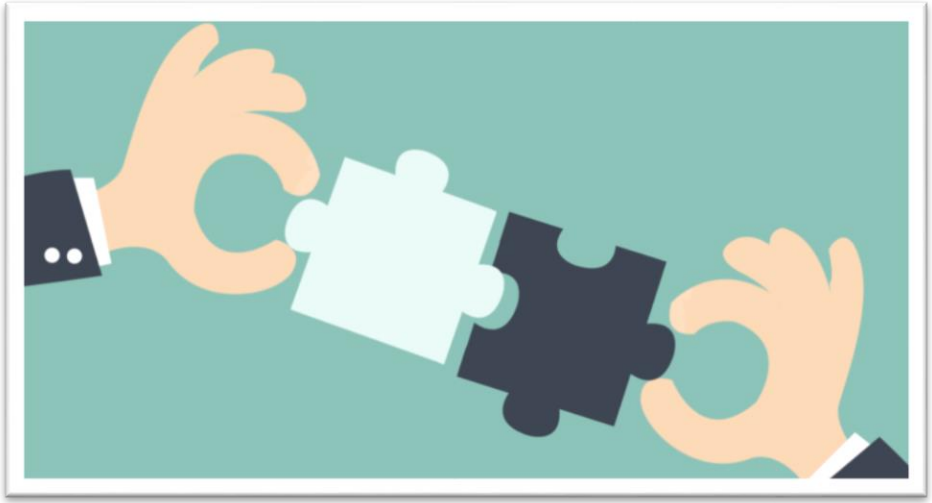
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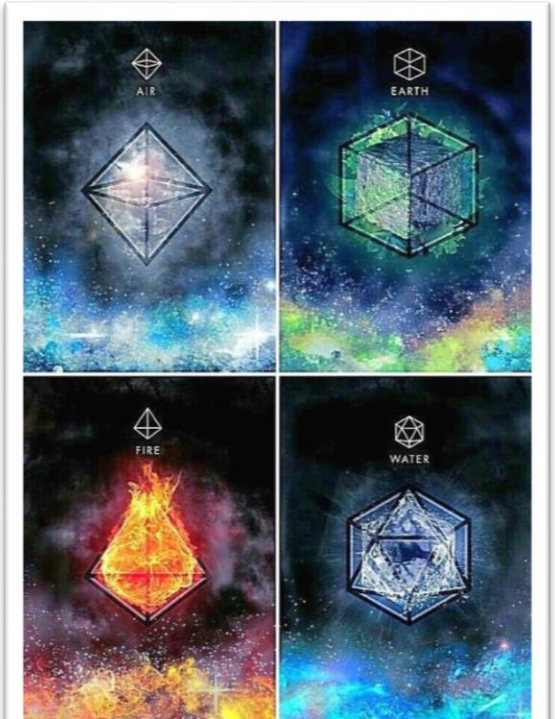


alternative

Something that you choose to do instead of another thing

Vocabulary

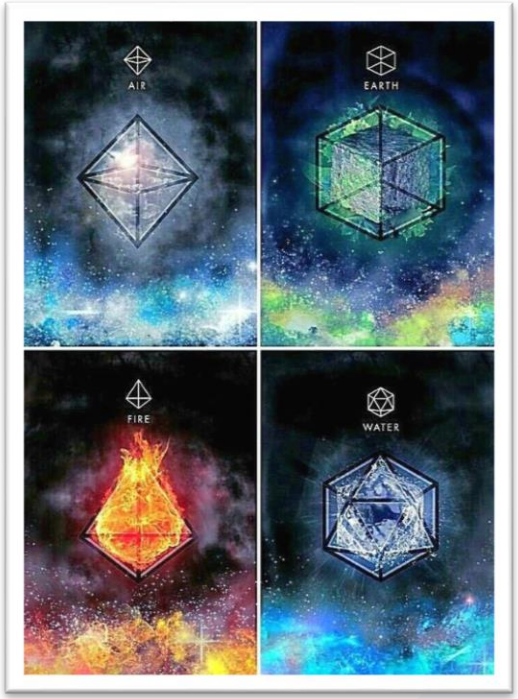
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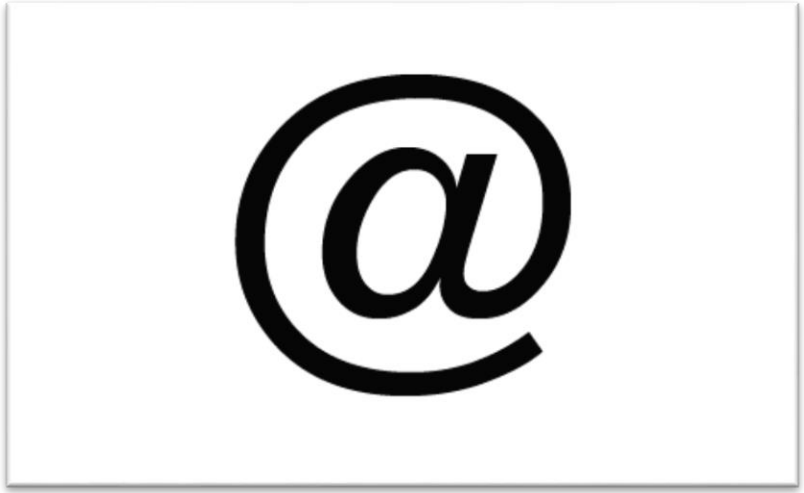


element

The important part of a whole system or a piece of work.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



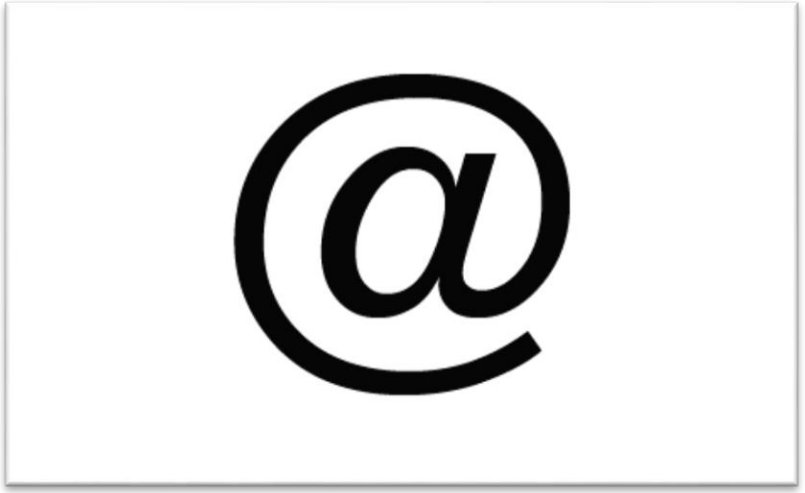
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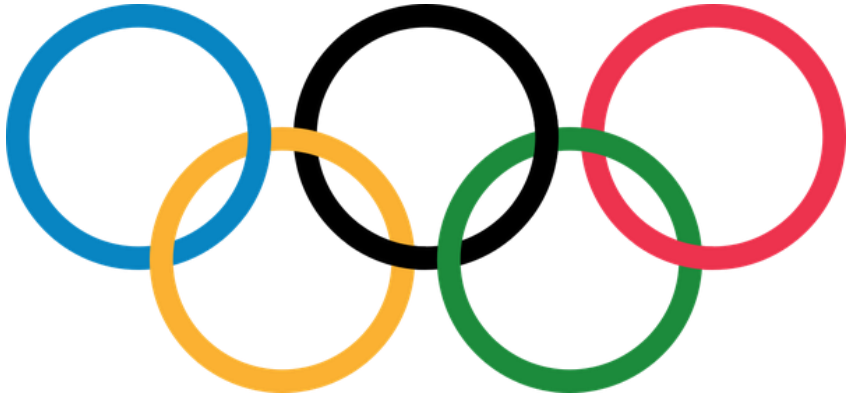
symbol

A smile is a symbol of happiness.



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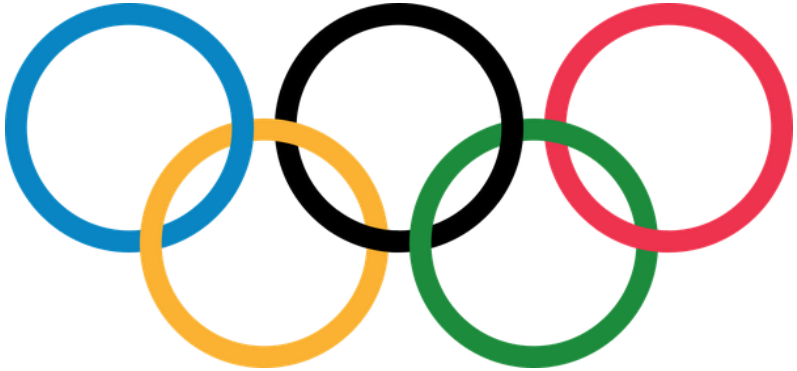
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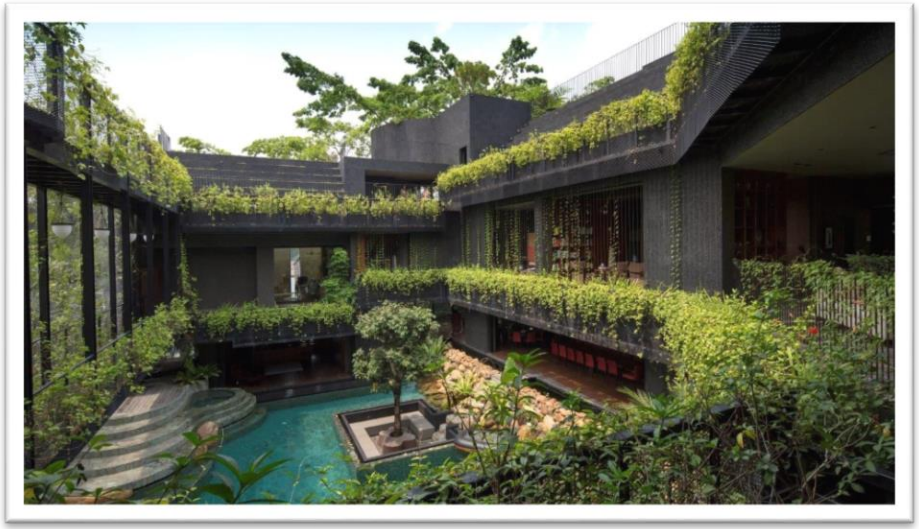


represent

To be or form something

Vocabulary

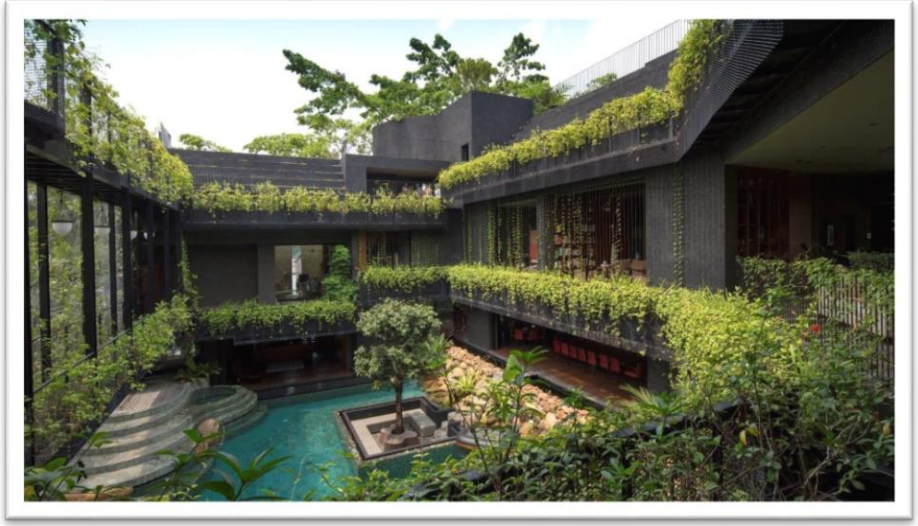
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/ˈkɔːtjaːd/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



courtyard

The king has his breakfast in the courtyard.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/əʊvəˈlʊk/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



overlook

This spot overlooks the valley.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/spɛkˈtakjʊlə/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



Spectacular

Very impressive and exciting

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/ˈmɑːbəl $
ˈmɑːr-/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



marble

The columns were of white marble.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/ɑːˈkeɪd $ ɑːr-/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



arcade

There was an arcade in the courtyard.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/ˈfaʊntən/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.

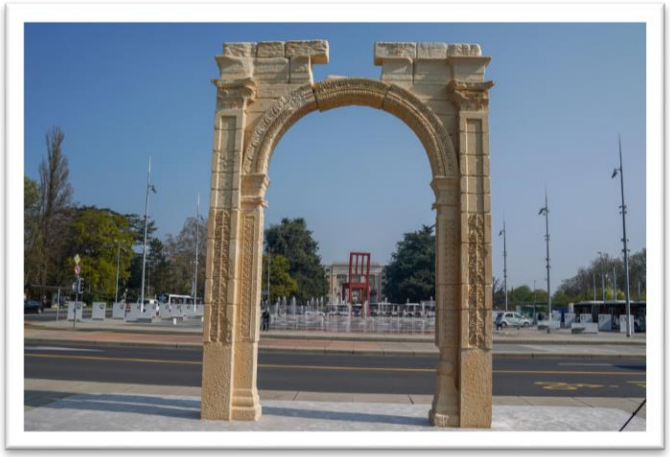


fountain

A fountain of sparks shot high into the sky.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/a:tʃ $ a:rtʃ/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.

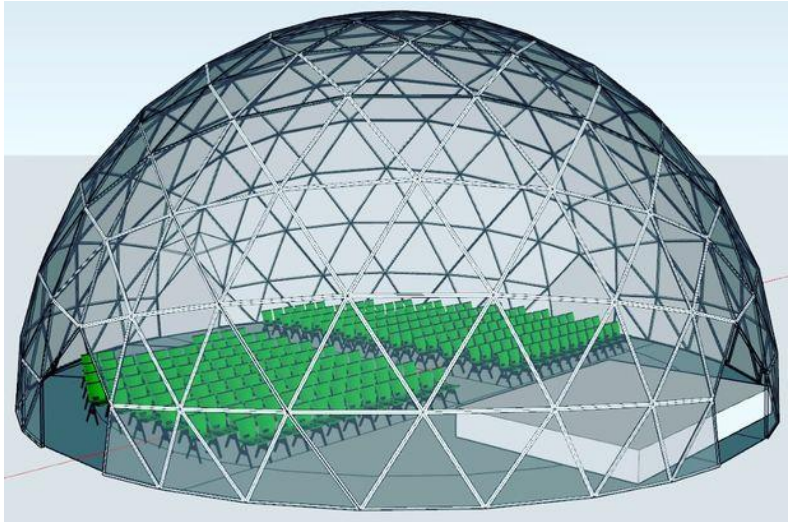


arch

The arch was made of cement.

Vocabulary

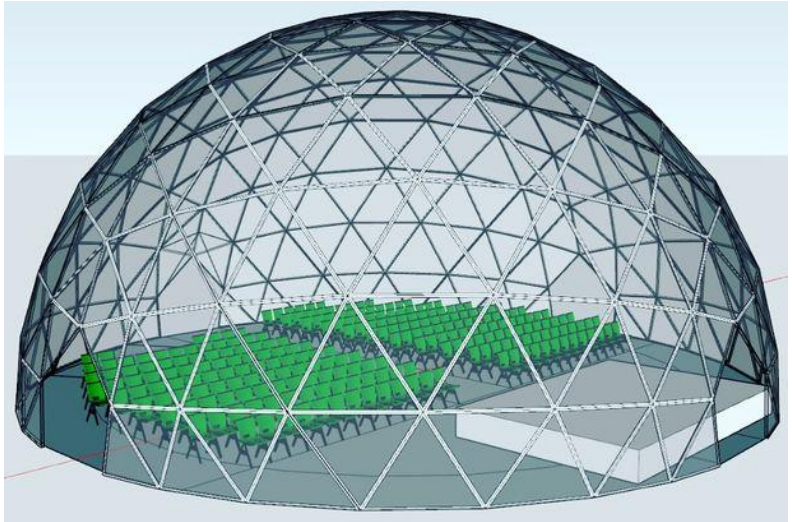
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/dəʊm $ doʊm/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



dome

There were 3 domes in the shrine.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/kəˈlɪgrəfi/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



calligraphy

Steve Jobs studied calligraphy before inventing Mac.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/'plæstə'wə:k/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



plasterwork

There was plasterwork all over the room.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/ˈherətɪdʒ,
ˈherɪtɪdʒ/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



heritage

beautiful old buildings which are part of our heritage.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



well-preserved

THE MUMMIES WERE WELL—PRESERVED IN THE ROOM.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/ɪmˈpresɪv/

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



impressive

The beach certainly looked impressive.

VOCABULARY

3 Look at the following words related to architecture.

spectacular	plasterwork	
dome	~~calligraphy~~	fountain
courtyard	arch	

Which one is…

1 a type of beautiful writing? calligraphy

2 an adjective meaning "incredible?" _____

3 a curved structure supporting the weight of a roof or wall? _____

4 a structure from which jets of water are pumped out? _____

5 an open area of ground surrounded by walls or buildings? _____

6 a rounded roof of a building? _____

7 ornamental work done with a paste that dries very hard and solid? _____

4 **Complete the text with words from Exercise 3.**



Buckingham Palace in London is a **1** spectacular building. To approach it, you walk through Admiralty Arch, across St. James's Park with its beautiful lake and **2** _____, past the marble Victoria Memorial, and stop in the large **3** _____ outside to admire the east façade. Inside, there are 775 rooms, including nineteen State Rooms. The Grand Staircase, which leads to these rooms, is an impressive sight, sculpted from bronze and lit by a **4** _____ above. The landing at the top has interesting **5** _____ on the walls, showing people and the four seasons of the year. The Queen's Gallery on the west side of the Palace has exhibitions of art ranging from portraits to **6** _____ and is open to the public for most of the year.

Listen to the audio and answer the question.

How objective is the speaker?

Listen to the audio and answer the questions.

1 What is an alternative title to the text?
2 What are the most important elements of Islamic style of the Alhambra?
3 The lion was a symbol of power in Islamic history and art. Name other symbols of Islam. What do they represent?
4 Would you like to visit the Alhambra? Why / Why not?

Read paragraph 1 & 2 and say the summary in your groups.

The Alhambra

The Alhambra in Granada is part of the impressive heritage of the long-lasting Islamic empire in Spain. Its name in Arabic (*Qasr al-Hamra*) means "The Red Castle." This refers to the red coloring of the bricks from the original palace. It has become an important tourist attraction in Spain because of its rich Islamic history. It has also had a lot of influence on worldwide art and architecture.

The palace, which is situated on a hill overlooking Granada, has beautiful views. The first king arrived in the thirteenth century and constructed a royal palace. After that, other kings added more parts to the palace. This is why it has so many different styles.

Many tourists come to visit the Alhambra today to see the Islamic architecture. This includes the spectacular Court of the Lions, which is probably the most famous part of the building. It is a square open-air courtyard with an impressive marble fountain in the center. The fountain's name comes from the twelve lions that support the fountain. The lion was a symbol of power in Islamic history and art. From this courtyard, you can walk under arches into the Hall of the Two Sisters, whose wooden doors are over 800 years old. This room attracts tourists because of the beautiful dome, shaped like a flower, and the detailed plasterwork on the walls. Islamic Spain was famous for its artwork and calligraphy, and there are many well-preserved examples in this room.

There is a great difference between the plain outside walls and the paintings and sculpture that cover the inside walls. It seems to be paradise on earth with the column arcades, fountains, and pools that are preserved there.

Read paragraph 3 & 4 and say the summary in your groups.

Join your groups and answer the questions below.

1. What do you find interesting about the Alhambra Caste?
2. Are there any buildings in your country with similar architectural features?

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Analyze the text

HOMEWORK

Write a paragraph using the words of this lesson.

Send a voiced summary of the text.

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