

St Paul's Cathedral

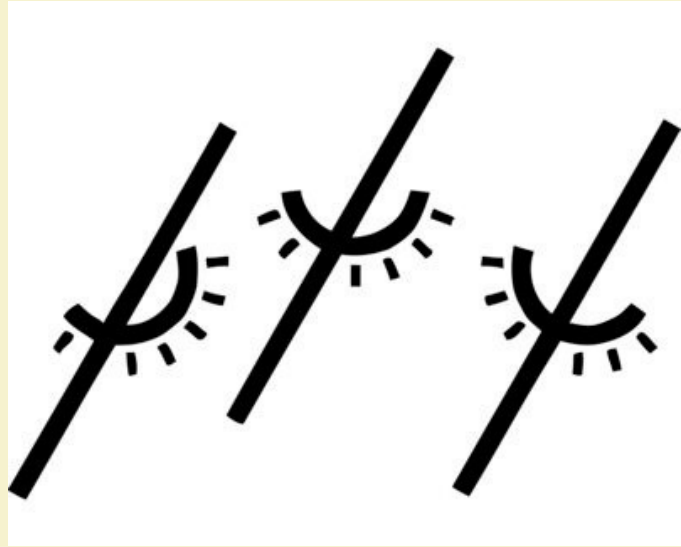
Visual Story for Guided School Visits



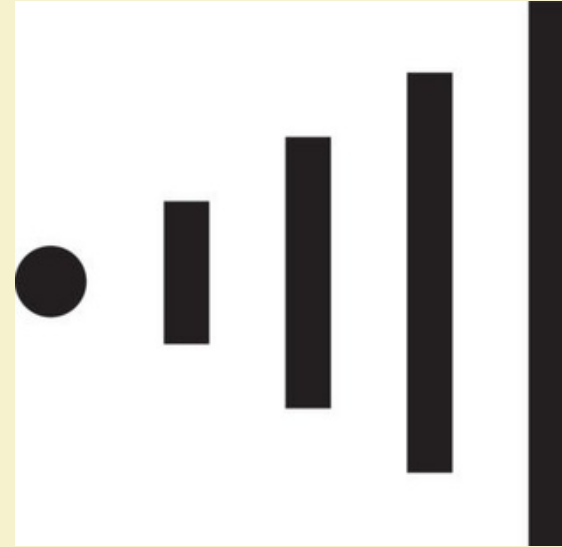
This is St Paul's Cathedral. It is a church and everyone is welcome.



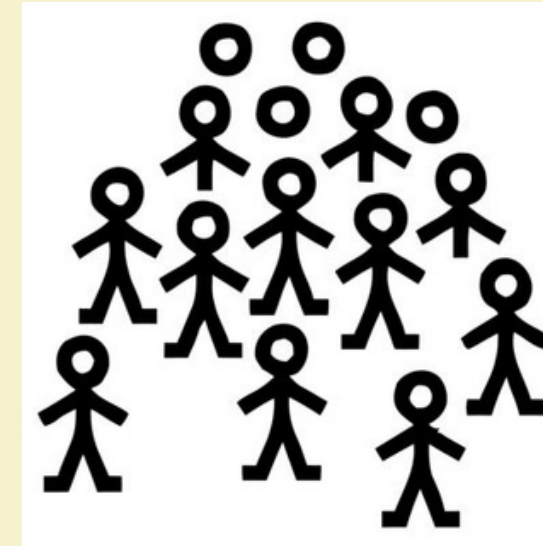
Look out for these symbols in the top corner.
They link to the senses that you might use in the space



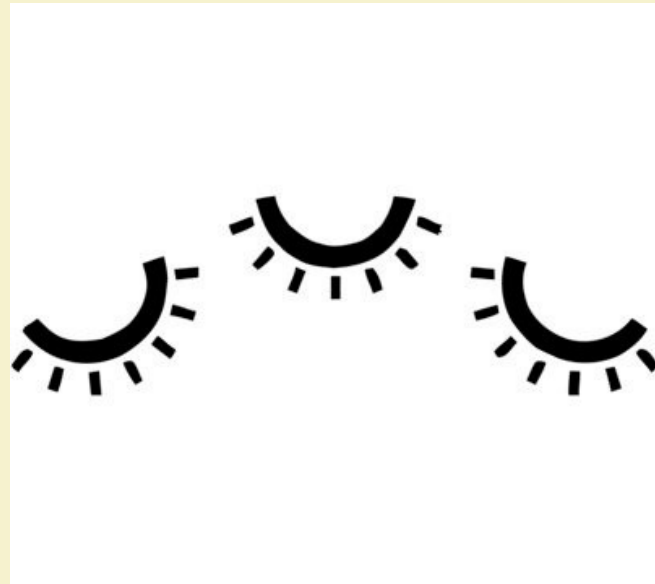
Dark space



Noisy space



Busy space



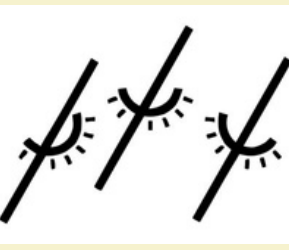
Light space



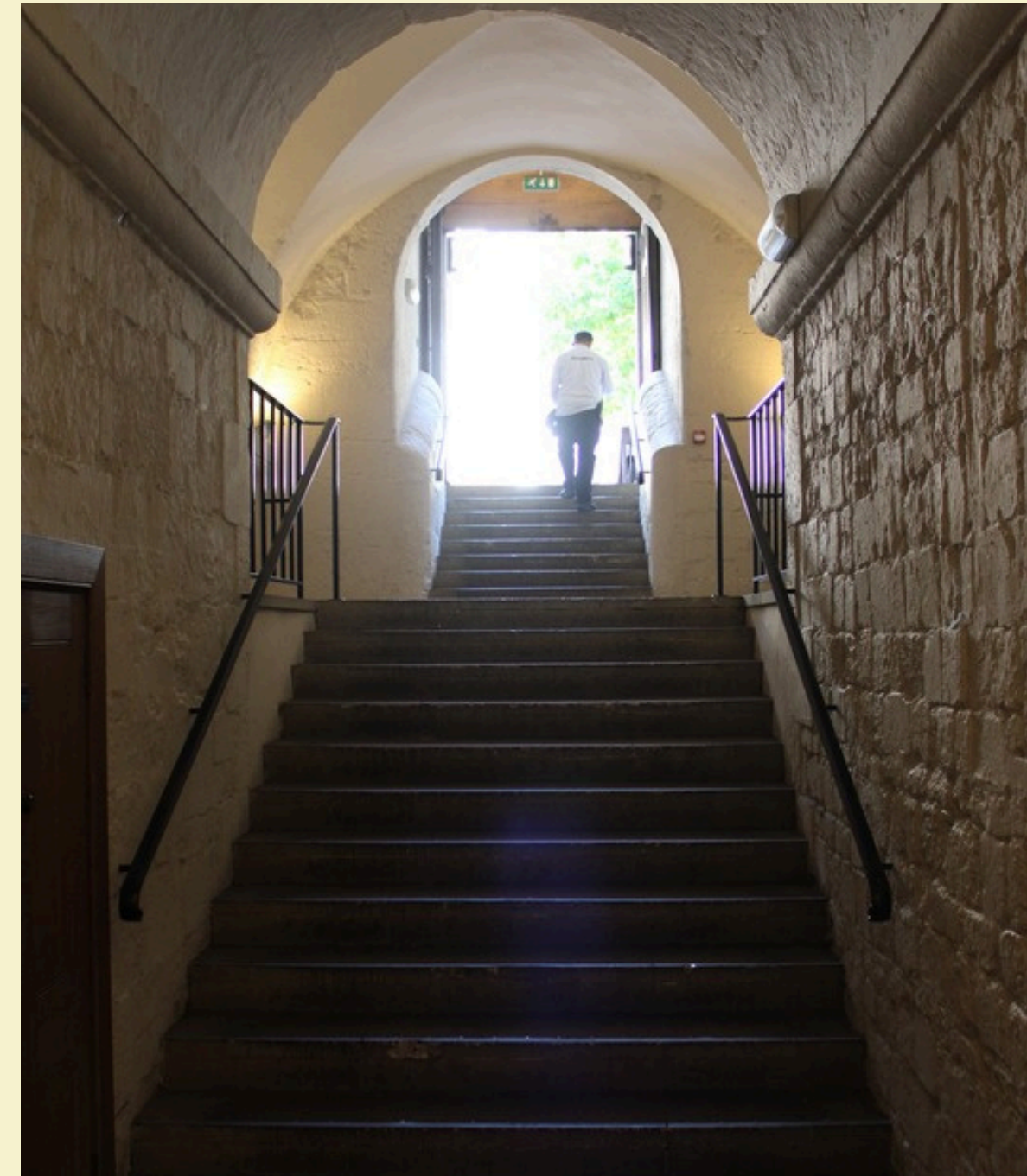
Quiet space

Some of these senses might change during your visit. For example, it might get noisier or busier.

This is the entrance for school groups



There are friendly security staff at the North West Crypt door; they are here to keep us safe.

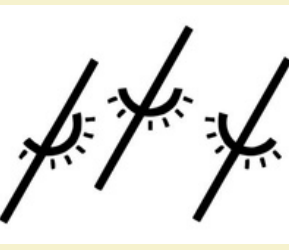


There are stairs leading down to a place called the Crypt. A Learning and Engagement Officer will greet you.

If you are using a wheelchair, you might visit through this step free entrance



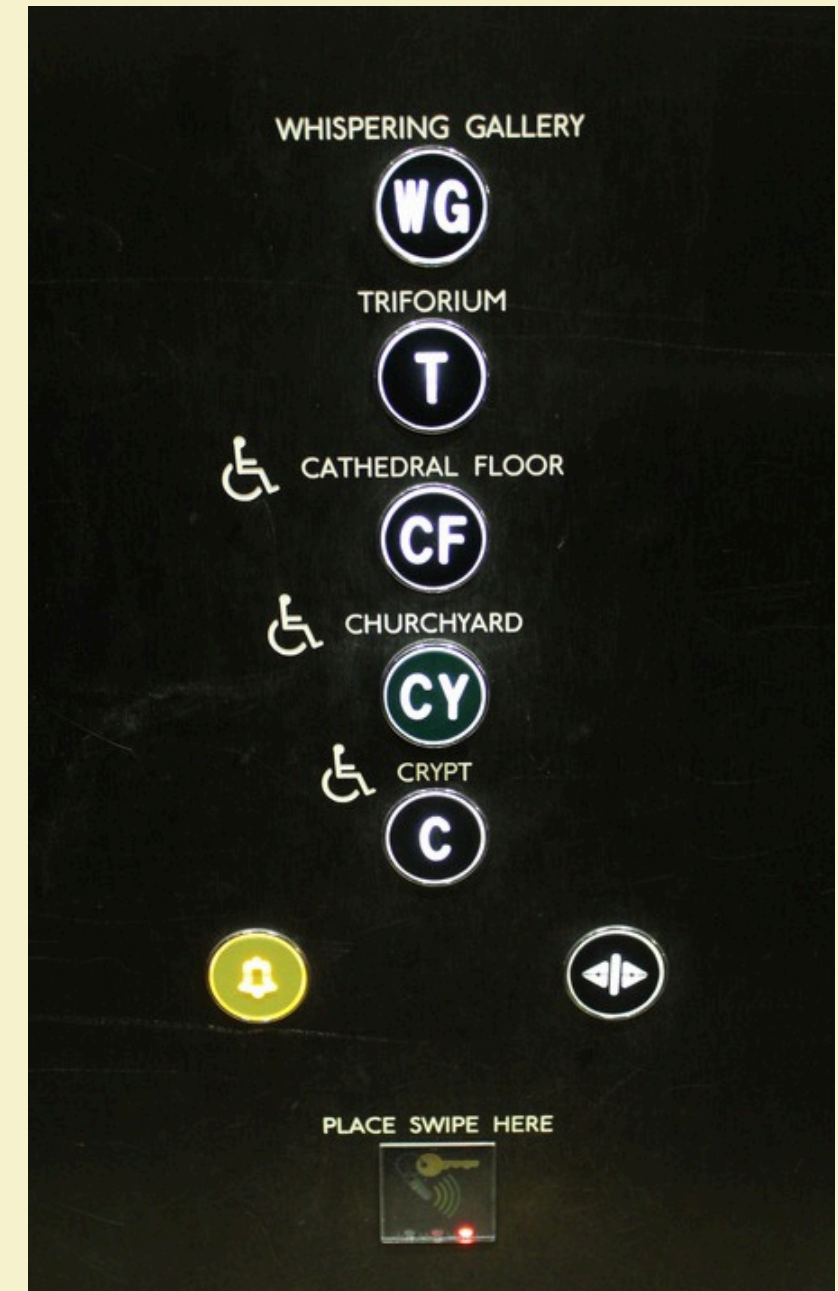
At the step free entrance you can get a lift fob from a Visitor Experience Assistant



This lift will take you
downstairs to the Crypt and
upstairs to the Cathedral Floor.



Hold the lift fob against the
sensor and press either the
'Cathedral Floor' or 'Crypt' button.



Who will you meet in the cathedral?



Security Staff

They might look in our bags to keep us safe.



Visitor Experience Assistants

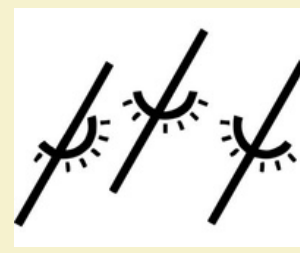
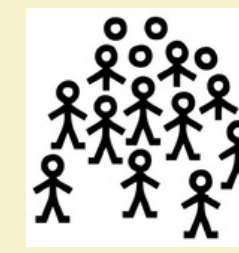
They work all around the Cathedral and are always on hand to help.



The Learning Team

The Learning Department are here to help and a Learning and Engagement Officer will deliver your workshop.

There are toilets to use when you arrive in the Crypt



Accessible toilets are also available

There is also a Cafe and Shop near the
toilets in the Crypt



You will drop your bags and coats off in the cloakroom



In the cloakroom, we have Access to Learning Bundles, which you are welcome to use to support you on your visit



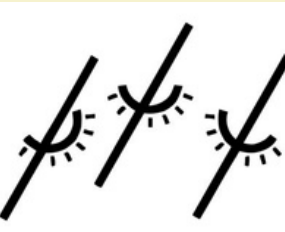
In the bundles you can find:

- Ear defenders
- Sensory fidgets
- Sensory smell boxes
- Visual timetables



**The following pages
show some places
in the Cathedral you
might see on your visit**

The Crypt



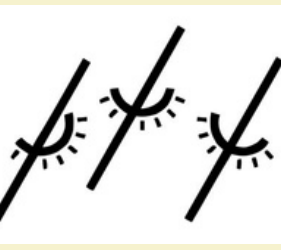
- This area is downstairs.
- It has lots of statues and memorials.
- You are allowed to walk over the graves and memorials on the floor.



What will you do here?

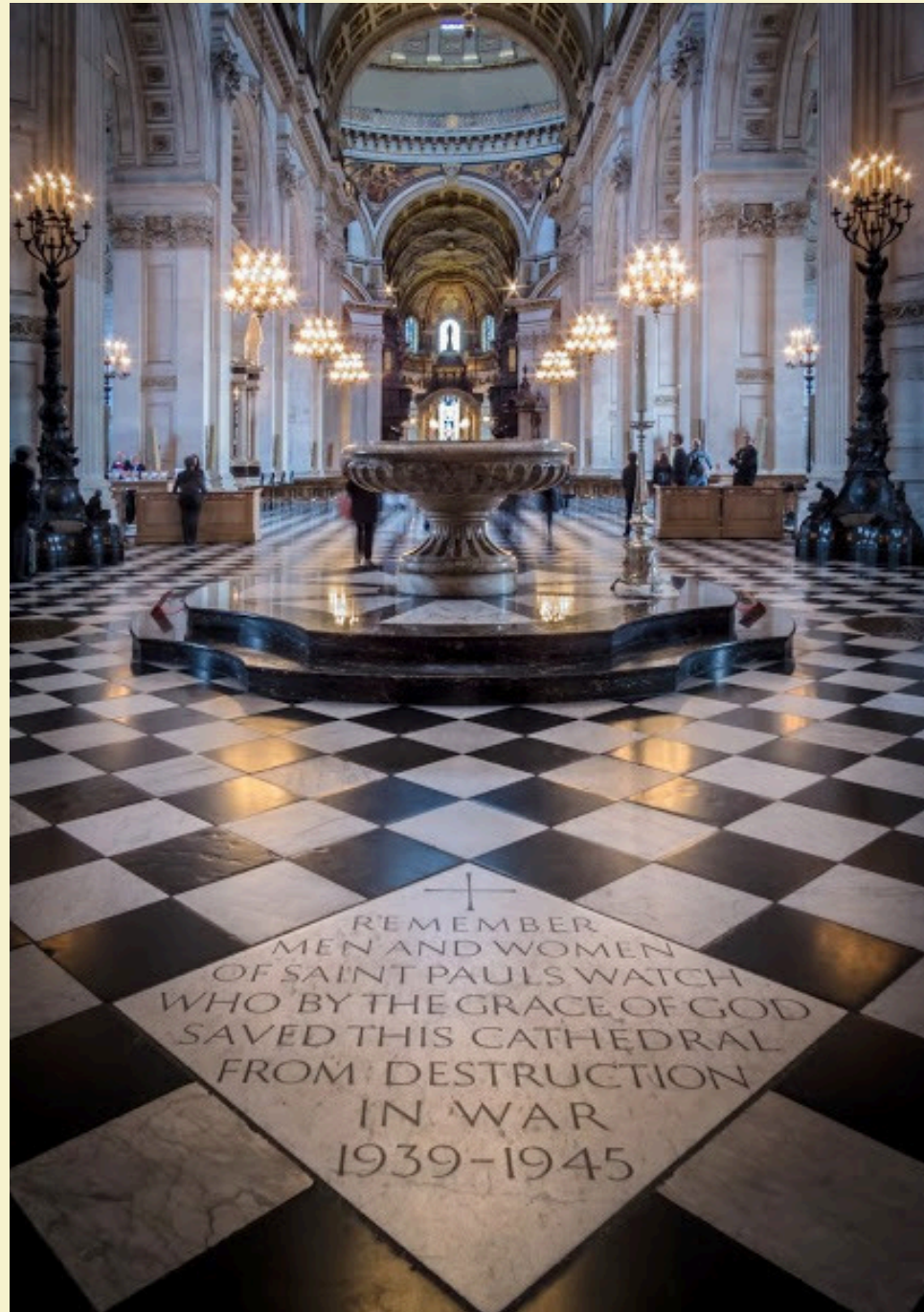
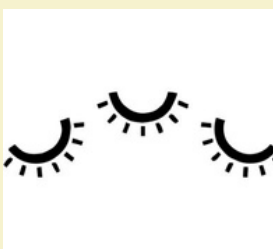
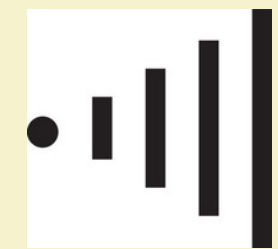
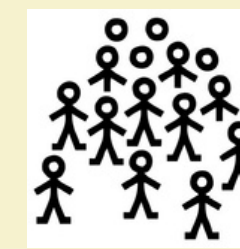
- You will meet your Learning and Engagement Officer.
- You will have an introduction to your workshop.

There are stone steps to go upstairs to the Cathedral Floor or downstairs to the Crypt



- Hold on to the metal rail; it is cold to touch.
- Wheelchair users can use the lift to get up to the Cathedral Floor.

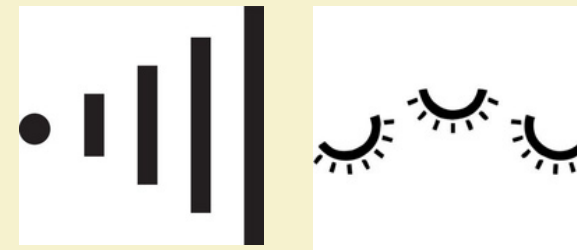
The West End



- This area is at the far end of the Cathedral Floor.
- The Great West Doors and Baptismal Font are here.
- You might see candles around the Cathedral. Please be careful when you are near them.

- What will you do here?**
- You will learn about the key features in this space.

The Dome



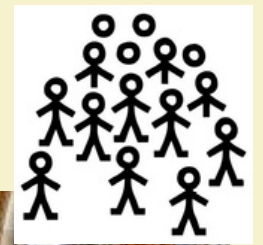
- This area is in the middle of the Cathedral Floor.
- You might hear the organ playing and the hourly prayers.



What will you do here?

- You might lie under the dome.
- You might pause to listen to the priest deliver the hourly prayer.

The Quire



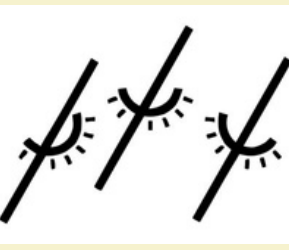
- This area is at the east end of the Cathedral Floor.
- There are 4 steps up or there is a lift.
- You might hear the organ playing and the hourly prayers.

What will you do here?

- You might lie on the floor to look at the mosaics.
- You might try on some special clothes to learn about the church.

The Dome Galleries

The Whispering Gallery: 257 steps up



The steps up the Whispering Gallery are shallow and dark.

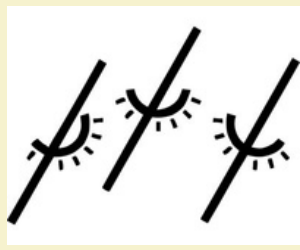


You have to go through some narrow corridors to get there.



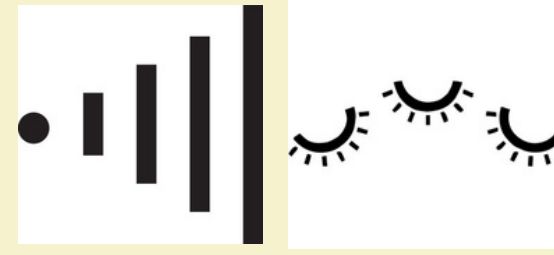
The Whispering Gallery is inside the Cathedral. You cannot take photographs here.

Steps



The Dome Galleries

Outside



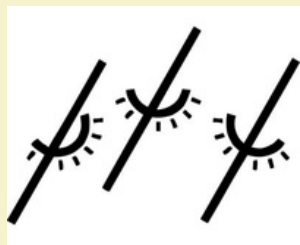
The Stone Gallery: 376 steps up



The steps up are twisty and dark.



The Stone Gallery is outside. You can walk around the dome to see a view of London.



The Dome Galleries

The Golden Gallery: 528 steps up



The Golden Gallery is at the top of the dome. It is a small area so can get crowded. There is a view of London here too.

The steps are narrow and high up.

You need to be in KS3 or above to visit here.

If you are visiting in the morning,
you will have a lunch break in one of
our packed lunch areas after your
workshop



We hope you enjoy your visit.

Take a look at our access page for more
information.

<https://www.stpauls.co.uk/accessibility-cathedral>

For more fun activities see the link below:

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Thank you and see you soon! 😊