

1. [səv] *adv*

1. *указывает на способ совершения действия (именно) так, таким, подобным образом*

you mustn't behave so - вы не должны так себя вести

stand just so - стой вот так

speak so that you are understood - говори так, чтобы тебя можно было понять [*см. тж.* so that]

so, and so only - так, и только так

so and in no other way - только так (и не иначе); только таким образом /способом/

quite so! - совершенно верно!, правильно!; именно (так)!

it is not so - это не так

why so? - почему же?, отчего же?; каким образом?

how so? - как (же) так?, как же это?

and so on - и так далее, и тому подобное

I need some paper, pencils, ink, and so on - мне нужна бумага, карандаши, чернила и тому подобное

and so on and so on, and so on and so forth - и так далее и тому подобное

so there! - так-то вот!

that being so I have nothing more to say - раз /поскольку/ это так, мне больше нечего добавить

so to say, so to speak - так сказать

2. *указывает на*

1) *степень качества или на количество так, до такой степени, столь; столько, так много*

why is the train so crowded today? - почему сегодня в поезде столько народу?

she isn't so very old - она не так уж стара

I am not so sure of that - я не очень-то уверен в этом

so much - так много

it takes so much time - на это уходит столько времени

I have got so much to do and so little time! - мне нужно сделать так много, а времени (у меня) так мало!

not so much sugar, please - не (кладите) столько сахара, пожалуйста

be so good to continue to write me letters - пишите мне, пожалуйста, и впредь

it was so hot (that) I took my coat off - было так жарко, что я снял пиджак

a little girl so high - девочка /девушка/ вот такого роста

I am so tired! - я так /очень/ устал!

so kind of you! - как это мило с вашей стороны!

I am so pleased to meet you! - я так /очень/ рад познакомиться с вами!

2) *разг. интенсивность действия так (сильно)*

she so wants to go - ей так хочется поехать /пойти/

why do you cry so? - почему вы так плачете?

I'd better not go out, my head aches so! - я лучше не буду выходить, у меня так болит голова!

3) *эмфатическое выделение качества такой*

so good a dinner! - такой хороший обед!

so severe a discipline - такая строгая дисциплина

in so distant a place as Australia - в столь отдалённом месте, как Австралия

3. *в начале предложения указывает на*

1) *подтверждение предшествующего высказывания действительно да, в самом деле, именно; так (это) и есть*

you look tired. - So I am - у вас усталый вид. - Да, я действительно устал

you could have come here earlier. - So I could - вы могли бы прийти сюда пораньше. - Верно /Да, конечно/, мог бы

I thought you were French. - So I am - я думал, что вы француз. - Так оно и есть

2) *распространение предшествующего высказывания на другое лицо или предмет тоже, также*

you are late, (and) so am I - вы опоздали, (и) я тоже

we were wrong, so were you - мы ошиблись, и вы также /тоже/

3) *вывод из сказанного ранее итак, значит, так*

so you are going to the North - итак, вы отправляетесь на север

so you have come after all! - значит, вы всё-таки пришли!

and so the work is finished at last! - ну, наконец работа закончена!

4) *продолжение повествования ну*

so he said we shouldn't bother. So we didn't - потом он сказал, чтобы мы не беспокоились, ну, мы и не стали (беспокоиться)

5) *арх. последовательность действия (в эллиптических предложениях) затем, потом*

and so to bed - итак, (теперь) спать

••say goodbye••, and so be off - скажи(те) «до свидания» и (затем) марш /ступай(те)/

6) *уст. перед прямой речью или после неё (в эллиптических предложениях) так*

so Achilles - так сказал Ахиллес

4. *указывает на соответствие тому, что было сказано так, в таком случае*

it is so - так оно и есть; это так

so it is - действительно, правильно

that's so - именно так; в самом деле так

is that so? - разве?, неужели?, правда?; не может быть!

that's /it is/ not so! - это не так!, неправда!

so be it! - да будет так!

5. *в сочетаниях:*

so far - до сих пор, пока (ещё)

so far I'm bored - пока что мне скучно  
 I've heard nothing so far - пока я ещё ничего не слышал  
 so far you have been lucky - до сих пор вам везло  
 so far as - насколько, поскольку  
 so far as I know - насколько я знаю /мне известно/  
 in so far as = so far as  
 in so much as = insomuch as  
 so far from - вместо того, чтобы  
 so far from abating, the epidemic spread - эпидемия отнюдь не затихала, а напротив, распространялась  
 so ... as - так /настолько/ ... чтобы, так ... что  
 it is so natural as hardly to be noticeable - это так естественно, что почти незаметно  
 be so good /would you be so kind/ as to send me word - не откажите в любезности известить меня  
 not so ... as - не так ... как (при сравнении)  
 it is not so hot as yesterday - сегодня не так жарко, как вчера  
 he is not so bright as his brother - он не такой способный, как его брат  
 so ... that - а) так /таким образом/ ... что; б) так ... что; настолько ... чтобы; he is so ill that he cannot speak - он так болен, что не может говорить  
 not so ... but - не настолько ... чтобы  
 he is not so degraded but he has a sense of shame - он не настолько опустился, чтобы потерять чувство стыда  
 so much so that - настолько, что; до такой степени, что  
 are you satisfied now? - So much so that words fail me - теперь вы довольны? - Так доволен, что и сказать не могу  
 so many - такое-то число, такое-то количество, столько-то (штук)  
 so many shillings and so many pence - столько-то шиллингов и столько-то пенсов  
 they turn out so many typewriters a day - они выпускают столько-то пишущих машинок в день  
 so much - а) столько-то, такое-то количество; so much and no more - столько и не больше; he allowed his son so much a month for pocket money - он давал своему сыну ежемесячно определённую сумму /столько-то/ на карманные расходы; б) так много, так, в такой степени; he is so much respected - его так уважают; в) просто, не что иное как; so much rubbish /nonsense! - просто чепуха!; I regard it as so much lost time - я считаю это просто потерянным временем; г) тем более; so much the better [the worse] - тем лучше [тем хуже]; I agree, so much more that I have seen her - я согласен, тем более, что я видел её; д) (for) довольно, хватит, всё уже сказано или сделано; so much for that - довольно говорить об этом; so much for your childhood ideals - с твоими детскими мечтаниями покончено; so much for the history of the case - вот и всё, что можно сказать об истории этого дела  
 not /never/ so much as - даже не  
 he didn't so much as ask me to sit down - он даже не предложил мне сесть  
 he never so much as thanked me - он даже не поблагодарил меня  
 not so much ... as - не столько ... сколько; не так ... как  
 he is not so much angry as upset - он скорее огорчён, чем рассержен  
 oceans do not so much divide the world as unite it - океаны не столько разъединяют мир, сколько объединяют его  
 ◇ just so - как нужно, как полагается  
 her room is always just so - её комната всегда в порядке  
 you don't say so!, do you say so? - неужели?, не может быть!  
 so please your Majesty - как будет угодно вашему величеству  
 so help me (God)! - честное слово! (в уверениях, клятвах)  
 I have never seen him, so help me (God)! - я никогда не видел его, честное слово!

## 2. [səv] *pron*

### 1. употребляется вместо предшествующего предложения это так, да

has the train gone? - I think /believe/ so - поезд уже ушёл? - Думаю, что да  
 he promised to ring us up but has not yet done so - он обещал позвонить нам, но ещё не звонил  
 many people would have run away. Not so he - многие бы убежали, но он не таков  
 did he promise it? - Yes, he did so! - он (это) обещал? - Да, конечно!  
 he is clever. - I am glad you think so - он умён. - Я рад, что вы так считаете  
 he goes to the club. - So he says! - ирон. он ходит в клуб. - Как же!

### 2. употребляется вместо предшествующего прилагательного таковой, такой

your friend is diligent, but you are not so - ваш друг прилежен, не то, что вы  
 both brothers are talented, but the elder is more so - оба брата талантливы, но старший особенно  
 he isn't handsome, but he thinks himself so - он некрасив, но считает себя красивым  
 he is ill and has been so for a long time - он болен и уже давно

### 3. (после глаголов call, name) употребляется вместо предшествующего имени собственного так

John. He was named so after his father - его назвали Джоном. В честь отца

### 4. более менее; приблизительно

at three o'clock or so - примерно в три часа, около трёх  
 I've known him 15 years or so - я знаю его лет пятнадцать

## 3. [səv] *conj*

### 1. (часто and so) вводит предложения, указывающие на заключение или вывод из предшествующего высказывания так что, поэтому; следовательно

it was raining and so I did not go out - шёл дождь, и поэтому я не выходил  
 it was late, so we went home - было поздно, поэтому /и/ мы пошли домой  
 the train leaves in half an hour, so you had better hurry - поезд отходит через полчаса, вам нужно поторопиться

### 2. вводит

1) *придаточные предложения цели (для того) чтобы, (с тем) чтобы*  
he opened the door so he could see them come - он открыл дверь, чтобы видеть, как они придут

2) *разг. придаточные предложения результата так что, поэтому; [см. тж. so that]*

3. *в сочетаниях:*

so what? - ну и что?, ну так что?; подумаешь!

so what of it? - ну и что (в этом) особенного?

(so) that's that - так-то вот

4. [səv] *int*

так!, ладно!; хватит!, ну! (*выражает удивление, одобрение, неодобрение, торжество, сомнение и т. п.*)

he went off yesterday. - So? - он уехал вчера. - Ну? /Ах, вот как!/  

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**so**

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**so** *adverb conjunction, noun* BrE [səʊ] <sup>m</sup> NAmE [soʊ] <sup>m</sup>

*adverb*

- to such a great degree
  - Don't look so angry.
  - There's no need to worry so.
  - ~ ... **(that)**... She spoke so quietly (that) I could hardly hear her.
  - ~ ... **as to do sth** I'm not so stupid as to believe that.
  - (*formal, especially BrE*) **Would you be so kind as to** lock the door when you leave?
- very, extremely
  - I'm so glad to see you.
  - We have so much to do.
  - Their attitude is **so very** English.
  - The article was **just so much** (= nothing but) nonsense.
  - (BrE) He sat there **ever so** quietly.
  - (BrE) I do love it so.
- not ~ ... (as...)** (used in comparisons) not to the same degree
  - I haven't enjoyed myself so much for a long time.
  - It wasn't so good as last time.
  - It's not so easy as you'd think.
  - He was not so quick a learner as his brother.
  - It's **not so much** a hobby **as** a career (= more like a career than a hobby) .
  - (*disapproving*) Off she went **without so much as** (= without even) a 'goodbye'.
- used to show the size, amount or number of sth
  - The fish was about so big (= said when using your hands to show the size) .
  - There are **only so many** (= only a limited number of) hours in a day.
- used to refer back to sth that has already been mentioned
  - 'Is he coming?' ' **I hope so** .'
  - 'Did they mind?' ' **I don't think so** .'
  - If she notices, she never **says so** .
  - I might be away next week. **If so** , I won't be able to see you.
  - We are very busy— **so much so that** we won't be able to take time off this year.
  - Programs are expensive, and **even more so** if you have to keep altering them.
  - I hear that you're a writer— **is that so** (= is that true) ?
  - He thinks I dislike him but that just isn't so.
  - George is going to help me, or **so he says** (= that is what he says) .
  - They asked me to call them and I **did so** (= I called) .
- also
  - Times have changed and **so have I** .
  - 'I prefer the first version.' ' **So do we** .' You cannot use **so** with negative verbs. Use **neither** or **either** .
  - 'I'm not hungry.' ' **Neither am I / I'm not** very hungry **either** .'
- used to agree that sth is true, especially when you are surprised
  - 'You were there, too.' ' **So I was** — I'd forgotten.'
  - 'There's another one.' ' **So there is** .'
- (*informal*) used, often with a negative, before adjectives and noun phrases to emphasize sth that you are saying
  - He is **so not** the right person for you.
  - That is **so not** cool.
- (*informal*) used, especially by children, to say that what sb says is not the case and the opposite is true
  - 'You're not telling the truth, are you?' 'I am, **so!**'
- used when you are showing sb how to do sth or telling them how sth happened
  - Stand with your arms out, **so**.
  - (*literary*) **So it was that** he finally returned home.

#### Word Origin:

*adv. and conj.* Old English swā, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **zo** and German **so**.

#### Example Bank:

- He thinks I dislike him but that just isn't so.
- I hear that you're a writer— is that so?

- I might be away next week. If so, I won't be able to see you.
- I'm so glad to see you.
- The article was just so much nonsense.
- The girls looked so pretty in their summer dresses.

**Idioms:** †and so forth ▪ †and so on ▪ more so because ... ▪ †so as to do something ▪ †so be it ▪ †so much for something ▪ †so what? ▪ †so ... that ▪ †... or so

### conjunction

- used to show the reason for sth
  - It was still painful so I went to see a doctor.
- ~ **(that...)** used to show the result of sth
  - Nothing more was heard from him so that we began to wonder if he was dead.
- ~ **(that...)** used to show the purpose of sth
  - But I gave you a map so you wouldn't get lost!
  - She worked hard so that everything would be ready in time.
- used to introduce the next part of a story
  - So after shouting and screaming for an hour she walked out in tears.
- (informal)** used to show that you think sth is not important, especially after sb has criticized you for it
  - So I had a couple of drinks on the way home. What's wrong with that?
  - 'You've been smoking again.' 'So?'
- (informal)** used to introduce a comment or a question
  - So, let's see. What do we need to take?
  - So, what have you been doing today?
- (informal)** used when you are making a final statement
  - So, that's it for today.
- (informal)** used in questions to refer to sth that has just been said
  - So there's nothing we can do about it?
  - 'I've just got back from a trip to Rome.' 'So, how was it?'
- used when stating that two events, situations, etc. are similar
  - **Just as** large companies are having to cut back, **so** small businesses are being forced to close.

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noun = †soh

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## so

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I. **so**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /səʊ \$ soʊ/ **BrE** <sup>m</sup> **AmE** <sup>m</sup> **adverb**

[Language: Old English; Origin: swā]

1.

**a) [+adjective/adverb]** used to emphasize how great a feeling or quality is, or how large an amount is:

- It was so embarrassing!
- Why didn't you call? We were so worried.
- I love her so much.

**ever so British English:**

- They're being ever so quiet.

**b) [+adjective/adverb]** as great, nice, many etc as this:

- Why are you being so horrible to me?
- I've never seen so many people here before!
- How had they achieved it in so short a time?

**c) [+adjective/adverb]** used when emphasizing the degree or amount of something by saying what the result is

**so ... (that)**

- He was so weak that he could hardly stand up.
- There was so much smoke that they couldn't see across the hallway.
- Everything happened so quickly I hadn't time to think.

**so ... as to be**

- The particles are so small as to be almost invisible.

**d) spoken old-fashioned** used before or after a verb to emphasize that someone does something a lot or to a great degree:

- I wish you wouldn't fuss so (=as much as you do). It makes me nervous.
- He does so enjoy reading your letters.

**e) spoken informal** used before a noun phrase to emphasize what you are saying – used especially by young people:

- He is just so not the right person for her.

### GRAMMAR

Do not use **so** before an adjective and noun. Instead, it is usual to use **such**. Put **such** before 'a' if the noun is singular:

- Such a big increase (NOT A so big increase) in tax would be very damaging.

- a world in which such terrible things could not happen
- In formal English, **so** and an adjective can be used before 'a' and a noun:
- He had never spoken to so large a crowd before.

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In written English, people often prefer to use **extremely** rather than **so** to emphasize an adjective or adverb, because it sounds more formal:

- These schools are extremely difficult to get into.

### 2. **not so big/good/bad etc** not very big, good etc:

- I'm afraid the news is not so good.
- Of course I'd like to help, but things aren't so simple.

### 3. [not used with negative verbs] used to add that what has just been said is also true about someone or something else

**so do I/so is he/so would Peter etc**

- Joe was a little upset, and so was I.
- He's been ill, and so has his wife.
- As the demand rises, so do prices.

### 4. used to refer back to an idea, action, quality, situation etc that has just been mentioned

**hope so/think so/say so etc**

- 'Will I need my umbrella?' 'I don't think so.'
- If you want to go home, just say so.

**be more so/less so/too much so**

- The band is popular and likely to become more so.
- Jerry is very honest, perhaps too much so.
- The troops will not advance until ordered to do so.
- Did Luke sell them? And, if so, what happened to the money?
- 'Has he lost a fortune?' 'So they say.'
- 'Look – I've even cleaned the windows.' 'So I see.'
- Parents can withdraw their child from school if they so wish.

### 5. **be so** to be true or correct:

- 'It belongs to my father.' 'Is that so?'
- Morton says his parents kicked him out, but his brothers say this isn't so.

### 6. **... or so** used when you cannot be exact about a number, amount, or period of time and you think it may be a little more than the figure you are mentioning:

- We have to leave in five minutes or so.
- I stopped reading after thirty or so pages.

### 7. **spoken** used to get someone's attention, especially in order to ask them a question:

- So, how was school today?

### 8. **spoken** used to check that you have understood something:

- So this is just a copy?

### 9. **spoken** used when asking a question about what has just been said:

- 'He's going to Paris on business.' 'So when is he coming back?'

### 10. **be not so much ... as ...** used to say that one description of someone or something is less suitable or correct than another:

- The details are not so much wrong as they are incomplete.

### 11. **not/without so much as something** used when you are surprised or annoyed that someone did not do something:

- He left without so much as a goodbye.

### 12. **so long!** *American English spoken* used to say goodbye

### 13. **not so ... as ...** *formal* used in comparisons to say that something or someone has less of a particular quality than another person or thing:

- The bed was not so comfortable as his own.

## GRAMMAR

Do not use **so** in comparisons without 'not'. Use **as**:

- Your handwriting is as bad as mine (NOT so bad as mine).

### 14. **so much for somebody/something** *spoken* used to say that a particular action, idea, statement etc was not useful or did not produce the result that was hoped for:

- He's late again. So much for good intentions!

### 15. **only so many/much** used to say that there is only a limited quantity of something:

- There's only so much that anybody's brain can handle at any one time.
- There are only so many hours in the working day.

### 16. **spoken** used with a movement of your hand to show how big, high etc something or someone is:

- Oh, he's about so tall, with brown hair and eyes.

### 17. **spoken** used to show that you have found something out about someone:

- So! You've got a new girlfriend?

### 18. **like so** *spoken* used when you are showing someone how to do something:

- Then turn the paper over and fold it, like so.

### 19. **and so on/forth** used at the end of a list to show that you could continue it in a similar way:

- You can do things for your health in the way of diet, exercise, good lifestyle, not smoking and so on.

### 20. **literary** or **formal** in the way that is described:

- Dorothy and Sarah continued to write to each other, and so began a lifelong friendship.

**so ... that**

- The furniture is so arranged that the interviewee and the interviewer are not physically separated by a desk.

### 21. **and so** and therefore:

Madeira has an ideal climate, and so it is not surprising that it has become a tourist paradise.

This was considered to be a religious issue and so to be a matter for the church courts.

22. **so she is/so there are etc especially British English spoken** used to show that you agree with something that has just been mentioned, especially something that you had not noticed or had forgotten:

'Look! She's wearing a hat just like yours.' 'So she is.'

23. **be just/exactly so** to be arranged tidily, with everything in the right place:

Everything had to be just so, or Edna would make us do it again.

24. **so be it spoken** used to show you do not like or agree with something, but you will accept it:

If that means delaying the trip, so be it.

25. **spoken**

a) used to say that a person's behaviour or action is typical of that person:

'He was about half an hour late.' 'That is just so Chris.'

b) used to say that something suits someone or is the type of thing they like:

You must buy that jacket – it's so you!

26. **I do so/it is so etc American English spoken** used especially by children to say that something is true, can be done etc when someone else says that it is not, cannot etc:

'You can't swim.' 'I can so.'

27. **spoken** used to introduce the next part of a story you are telling someone:

So anyway, he goes in and his boots get stuck in the mud.

28. **so? (also so what?) spoken not polite** used to tell someone that something does not matter:

So what if we're a little late?

'She might tell someone.' 'So? No one will believe her.'

⇒ **↑so-so**, ⇒ **even so** at **↑even<sup>1</sup>(4)**, ⇒ **so far** at **↑far<sup>1</sup>(7)**, ⇒ **so far as I'm concerned** at **↑far<sup>1</sup>(14)**, ⇒ **so far as something is concerned** at **↑far<sup>1</sup>(15)**, ⇒ **so far as I know/I can remember /I can tell etc** at **↑far<sup>1</sup>(16)**, ⇒ **as/so long as** at **↑long<sup>2</sup>(5)**, ⇒ **so much the better** at **↑better<sup>3</sup>(4)**, ⇒ **so to speak** at **↑speak(6)**

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- **therefore** for this reason: She already had a lot of experience and therefore seemed the best candidate for the job.
- **so therefore. So** is less formal than **therefore**, and is more common in everyday English: They had not eaten all day, so they were very hungry.
- **thus formal** as a result of what you have just mentioned: The program is very simple and thus easy to run.
- **hence formal** for this reason: This material is highly poisonous, hence the importance of careful handling.
- **as a result** used when saying that because of a particular situation, something else happens or is true: Some people suffer from stress at work and become ill as a result. | Economic growth slowed down as a result of inflation.
- **consequently/as a consequence** used when saying that because of a particular situation, something else happens or is true. **Consequently** and **as a consequence** are more formal than **as a result**: The disease attacks the plant, the flower does not open, and consequently no seeds are produced. | As a consequence of global warming, our climate is already starting to change.
- **this means that** used when saying what the result of something is: If students arrive late, this means that lesson time is wasted.
- **for this reason** used when explaining the reason for something: Spell check programs do not recognize when you have used the wrong word. For this reason, you must still read over your work carefully.

### II. **so<sup>2</sup> S1 W3 BrE AmE conjunction**

1. used to say that someone does something because of the reason just stated:

I was feeling hungry, so I made myself a sandwich.

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In written English, people often prefer to use **therefore** or **consequently** rather than **so**, because they sound more formal:

▪ She had previous experience, therefore she seemed the best candidate.

2. **so (that)**

a) in order to make something happen, make something possible etc:

He lowered his voice so Doris couldn't hear.

Why don't you start out early so that you don't have to hurry?

b) used to say that something happens or is true as a result of the situation you have just stated:

There are no buses, so you'll have to walk.

The gravestones were covered with moss, so that it was impossible to read the names on them.

3. **so as to do something formal** in order to do something:

I drove at a steady 50 mph so as to save fuel.

We went along silently on tiptoe so as not to disturb anyone.

4. **(just) as ..., so ... formal** used to compare two people or things, when they are similar:

Just as the French love their wine, so the English love their beer.

### III. **so<sup>3</sup> BrE AmE noun [singular]**

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: sol]

the fifth note in a musical **↑scale** according to the **↑sol-fa** system

## SO

12500 **56** MCW

15000 **39** COCA

RANGE: **1k SO** 1002273

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

109971 **89** 440690 rr

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65482 **253**<sup>145952</sup> *cs*  
29879 **839**<sup>47467</sup> *cs21*  
9010 **3255**<sup>12806</sup> *rr32*  
3890 **7811**<sup>4349</sup> *rr22*  
2472 **10731**<sup>2794</sup> *rr31*  
2085 **11665**<sup>2483</sup> *bcl21*  
977 **19735**<sup>1116</sup> *rg22*  
592 **25062**<sup>754</sup> *jj*  
50 **33105**<sup>469</sup> *np1*  
440 **33464**<sup>459</sup> *nn1*  
365 **36810**<sup>389</sup> *jj21*  
186 **49167**<sup>230</sup> *nnu*  
143 **57203**<sup>173</sup> *cs42*  
6 **34058**<sup>56</sup> *ddq*  
6 **34973**<sup>36</sup> *pphis1*  
5 **37656**<sup>45</sup> *ii*  
5 **39103**<sup>25</sup> *pph1*  
4 **42521**<sup>14</sup> *appge*  
4 **42540**<sup>84</sup> *dd1*

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