

YLT 2026 Version B

My YLT ID is

The first questions we would like to ask are about you and your family. We ask these questions to find out if young people from different backgrounds have different experiences. We cannot use this information to identify you.

1. What is your gender identity? (Select one answer) **RSEX**

Male	1
Female	2
Non-binary	3
Male to female transgender	4
Female to male transgender	5
Other (Please type your gender identity in the box below)	6

2. How many years have you lived in Northern Ireland? (Please type number of years in the box below) **YEARSNI**

Years

3. What is your country of birth? (Select one answer) **COFBIRTH**

Northern Ireland	1
England	2
Scotland	3
Wales	4
Republic of Ireland	5
Elsewhere (Please type your country of birth in the box below)	6
I don't know	7
I prefer not to say	8

4. What is your main language? (Select one answer) **MAINLANG**

English	1
Other (including British/Irish Sign Languages) (Please type your main language in the box below)	2

5. Would you describe the place where you live as ... (Select one answer) **PLACELIV**

A big city	1
The suburbs or outskirts of a big city	2
A small city or town	3
A country village	4
A farm or home in the country	5
I don't know	6

6. Would you describe your area as ... (Select one answer) **LIVEAREA**

Mainly Catholic	1
Mainly Protestant	2
Neither Catholic nor Protestant	3
Mixed	4

I don't know	5
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7. What have you been doing since October 2025? (Select one answer) THISOCT

At school or college full time	1
Working full time	2
Working part time	3
At school or college and working part time	4
On a training scheme	5
Unemployed	6
Other (Please type what you have been doing in the box below)	7

8. What do you think you will be doing in two years' time? (Select one answer) OCT2YRS

Going to college or university full time	1
Working full time	2
Working part time	3
At college or university and working part time	4
On a training scheme	5
Unemployed	6
Other (Please type what you think you will be doing in two years' time in the box below)	7

9. What type of school do you attend? If you have left school, what type of school did you last attend? (Select one answer) TYPESCHL

Planned Integrated	1
Grammar	2
Secondary	3
Irish Language	4
Special School	5
Further Education College	6
Other (Please type what type of school in the box below)	7

10. Would you describe your school/college as ... (Select one answer) SCHGEND

An all-girls school/college	1
An all-boys school/college	2
A mixed boys and girls school/college	3

11. Would you describe your school/college as ... (Select one answer) RELSCHL

All or nearly all Protestant	1
All or nearly all Catholic	2
Mostly Protestant	3
Mostly Catholic	4
About half Protestant and half Catholic	5
I don't know	6

12. Do you have any physical, mental or developmental/sensory health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more? (Select one answer) DISAB

Yes	1	Ask question 13
No	2	Skip to question 14

13. Does your condition or illness/do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to day activities? (Select one answer) LIMDISAB

Yes, a lot	1
Yes, a little	2

No, not at all	3
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14. Which of the following statements applies best to you? *(Select one answer)* **SEXATT**

I have felt sexually attracted:

... only to females and never to males	1
... more often to females and at least once to a male	2
... about equally often to females and males	3
... more often to males and at least once to a female	4
... only to males and never to females	5
I have never felt sexually attracted to anyone	6

15. Do you currently live with your parents, including adoptive parents? *(Select one answer)* **LIVEPAR**

Yes, with my mother and my father in the same household	1
Yes, with my mother, but not my father	2
Yes, with my father, but not my mother	3
Yes, with my mother for some of the time and with my father for some of the time	4
Other <i>(Please type who you live with in the box below)</i>	5

16. How well off do you think your family is financially? *(Select one answer)* **WELLOFF**

Not at all well off	1
Not very well off	2
Average	3
Well off	4
Very well off	5
I don't know	6

17. Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion? *(Select one answer)* **ANYRELIG**

Yes	1	Ask question 18
No	2	Skip to question 20

18. If yes, which? I identify as ... *(Select one answer)* **RELIGION**

Catholic	1	Skip to question 20
Presbyterian	2	Skip to question 20
Church of Ireland	3	Skip to question 20
Methodist	4	Skip to question 20
Baptist	5	Skip to question 20
Free Presbyterian	6	Skip to question 20
Brethren	7	Skip to question 20
Other Protestant	8	Go to question 19
Other Christian	9	Go to question 19
Buddhist	10	Skip to question 20
Hindu	11	Skip to question 20
Jewish	12	Skip to question 20
Muslim	13	Skip to question 20
Sikh	14	Skip to question 20
Any other religion	15	Go to question 19
I don't know	16	Skip to question 20
I prefer not to say	17	Skip to question 20

19. Please tell us your religion. *(Please type your religion in the box below)* **RELIGOTH**

20. How would you describe your national identity? (Select all that apply) **NINATID**

British	NINATIDBR	1
Irish	NINATIDIR	1
Northern Irish	NINATIDNI	1
English	NINATIDEN	1
Scottish	NINATIDSC	1
Welsh	NINATIDWE	1
Other (Please type your national identity in the box below)	NINATIDOT	1
I don't know	NINATIDDK	1
I prefer not to say	NINATIDPF	1

21. What is your ethnic group? (Choose one option which best describes your ethnic group or background) (Select one answer) **ETHNCAT1**

White	1	Skip to question 23
Irish Traveller	2	Skip to question 23
Mixed Multiple Ethnic Groups		
White and Black Caribbean	3	Skip to question 23
White and Black African	4	Skip to question 23
White and Asian	5	Skip to question 23
Any other mixed/multiple ethnic background	6	Go to question 22
Asian		
Indian	7	Skip to question 23
Pakistani	8	Skip to question 23
Bangladeshi	9	Skip to question 23
Chinese	10	Skip to question 23
Any other Asian background	11	Go to question 22
Black/African/Caribbean		
African	12	Skip to question 23
Caribbean	13	Skip to question 23
Any other Black/African/Caribbean background	14	Go to question 22
Other ethnic group		
Arab	15	Skip to question 23
Any other ethnic group	16	Go to question 22
I don't know	17	Skip to question 23
I prefer not to say	18	Skip to question 23

22. How would you describe your ethnic group? (Please type your ethnic group in the box below) **ETHNCATOTH**

23. Do you consider yourself to be a member of a minority ethnic community? (Select one answer) **MEMMEC**

Yes	1
No	2

The next few questions are about how you have felt in the last few weeks.

24. Have you recently been able to concentrate on whatever you're doing? *(Select one answer)* **GHQ1**

Better than usual	1
Same as usual	2
Less than usual	3
Much less than usual	4

25. Have you recently lost much sleep over worry? *(Select one answer)* **GHQ2**

Not at all	1
No more than usual	2
Rather more than usual	3
Much more than usual	4

26. Have you recently felt you were playing a useful part in things? *(Select one answer)* **GHQ3**

More so than usual	1
Same as usual	2
Less than usual	3
Much less than usual	4

27. Have you recently felt capable of making decisions about things? *(Select one answer)* **GHQ4**

More so than usual	1
Same as usual	2
Less so than usual	3
Much less capable	4

28. Have you recently felt constantly under strain? *(Select one answer)* **GHQ5**

Not at all	1
No more than usual	2
Rather more than usual	3
Much more than usual	4

29. Have you recently felt you couldn't overcome your difficulties? *(Select one answer)* **GHQ6**

Not at all	1
No more than usual	2
Rather more than usual	3
Much more than usual	4

30. Have you recently been able to enjoy your normal day-to-day activities? *(Select one answer)* **GHQ7**

More so than usual	1
Same as usual	2
Less so than usual	3
Much less than usual	4

31. Have you recently been able to face up to your problems? *(Select one answer)* **GHQ8**

More so than usual	1
Same as usual	2
Less able than usual	3
Much less able	4

32. Have you recently been feeling unhappy and depressed? *(Select one answer)* **GHQ9**

Not at all	1
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No more than usual	2
Rather more than usual	3
Much more than usual	4

33. Have you recently been losing confidence in yourself? (Select one answer) **GHQ10**

Not at all	1
No more than usual	2
Rather more than usual	3
Much more than usual	4

34. Have you recently been thinking of yourself as a worthless person? (Select one answer) **GHQ11**

Not at all	1
No more than usual	2
Rather more than usual	3
Much more than usual	4

35. Have you recently been feeling reasonably happy, all things considered? (Select one answer) **GHQ12**

More so than usual	1
About the same as usual	2
Less so than usual	3
Much less than usual	4

The next few questions are about Shared Education.

SHARED EDUCATION encourages schools to work together and partner with other schools where the pupils are from different religious or social backgrounds. Such sharing has to take place on a REGULAR AND CONTINUED BASIS over the academic year. It cannot just be a one-off Christmas concert or joint sports day. To count as Shared Education pupils might, for example, have classes or do projects with pupils from another school, or share computers or sports facilities on a regular basis.

36. Have you ever been involved in Shared Education? (Select one answer) **SEDUC**

Yes	1	Skip to question 39
No	2	Go to the next question

37. Would you like to be involved in Shared Education? (Select one answer) **SEFUT**

Yes	1
No	2
I don't know	3

38. Suppose a group of young people from another school/college were coming to do a project with your class, would you mind if they were from these types of schools? (Select one answer in each line) **SHKIND**

	I would mind a lot	I would mind a little	I would not mind at all	I don't know	
A primary school SHPRIM	1	2	3	4	Skip to question 45
A school for young people with special educational needs or disabilities SHSNEEDS	1	2	3	4	Skip to question 45
A school where many or most of the young people are a	1	2	3	4	Skip to question 45

different religion to you SHDIFREL					
A school where many or most of the young people are a different ethnic background to you SHDIFMEC	1	2	3	4	Skip to question 45
A school where many or most of the young people are a different social class to you SHDIFSC	1	2	3	4	Skip to question 45

39. Please select ALL the things you have done. (Select all that apply) SEDONE

I have had classes with pupils from other schools SEDONE1	1
I have done projects with pupils from other schools SEDONE2	1
I have used or shared sports facilities or equipment, like computers SEDONE3	1
I have done something else (Please type what you have done in the box below) SEDONE4	

40. How much did you like or dislike doing each of the following? (Select one answer in each line) SEDIS

	I liked it a lot	I liked it a little	I did not like it very much	I did not like it at all	I did not do this
Sharing classes SEDIS1	1	2	3	4	5
Doing projects together in person SEDIS2	1	2	3	4	5
Sharing sports facilities and computers or equipment SEDIS3	1	2	3	4	5
Being taught by different teachers SEDIS4	1	2	3	4	5
Travelling to a different school SEDIS5	1	2	3	4	5
Learning new things with pupils from another school SEDIS6	1	2	3	4	5
Doing classes we normally don't get to do at our school SEDIS7	1	2	3	4	5
Making new friends SEDIS8	1	2	3	4	5
Being with young people who are a different religion to you SEDIS9	1	2	3	4	5
Being with young people who are a different ethnic background to you SEDIS10	1	2	3	4	5
Being with young people who are a different social class to you SEDIS11	1	2	3	4	5
Shared digital or online activities SEDIS13	1	2	3	4	5
Something else (Please type what you did in the box below) SEDIS12					

41. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement: Since taking part in Shared Education, I am better able to respect the views of others. (Select one answer) SERESP

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
I don't know	6

42. Have you made any close friends with young people from the other school(s) through your participation in Shared Education? *(Select one answer)* **SEFNDS2**

Yes	1	Go to the next question
No	2	Go to question 44
I don't know	3	Go to question 44

43. Do you (or did you) see, or have any contact with, these friends you made outside of school? *(Select one answer)* **SECONT**

Yes	1
No	2

44. How do you generally feel about Shared Education? *(Select one answer)* **SEFEEL**

Very favourable	1
Favourable	2
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	3
Unfavourable	4
Very unfavourable	5
I don't know	6

A SHARED EDUCATION CAMPUS is where two (or more) schools share one building or where there are facilities in each school building which both schools use. One school would usually have mostly pupils from a Catholic background, and the other school would usually have pupils mostly from a Protestant background and they would share classes and facilities with each other.

45. Would you like your school, or the school you last attended, to be part of a Shared Education Campus? *(Select one answer)* **SHLIKE1**

Yes	1
No	2
My school is already part of a Shared Education campus	3
I don't know	4

School and youth work are required to help young people to have a better understanding of diversity in our society and to promote the equal treatment of different groups. There are many different ways that this can be done, including discussions, subjects taught in school (for example, Learning for Life & Work or Religious Education), taking part in sports with people from other communities, either through school or a youth group, learning about other communities in a youth group and through shared classes with other schools.

46. Do you think that YOUR school has encouraged understanding and promoted equal treatment for the following groups through these activities highlighted above? *(Select all that apply)* **CREDSCH**

People with different political opinions	CREDSCH1a	1
People with different religious beliefs	CREDSCH1b	1
People from different ethnic groups	CREDSCH1c	1
People with different sexual orientations	CREDSCH1d	1
People with different gender identities	CREDSCH1e	1
People with a disability and those without a disability	CREDSCH1f	1
I don't think my school has done this	CREDSCH1g	1

47. And do you think that YOUR youth project or youth centre has encouraged understanding and promoted equal treatment for the following groups through these activities? (Select all that apply) CREDYP1

People with different political opinions	CREDYP1a	1
People with different religious beliefs	CREDYP1b	1
People from different ethnic groups	CREDYP1c	1
People with different sexual orientations	CREDYP1d	1
People with different gender identities	CREDYP1e	1
People with a disability and those without a disability	CREDYP1f	1
I don't think my youth project/youth centre has done this	CREDYP1g	1
I have never attended a youth project or youth centre	CREDYP1h	1

48. Have you ever been personally involved in any activities highlighted in the paragraph above in your school or a youth project or youth centre? (Select all that apply)

Yes, in school as part of 'Shared Education'	CREDSE	1	
Yes, in school but not as part of 'Shared Education'	CREDSCH	1	
Yes, in a youth project or youth centre	CREDYP	1	
No, not in school or a youth project or youth centre	NOCRED	1	Skip to question 50

49. As a result of being involved in any of these activities in your school or youth centre or youth project do you now feel more favourable, more unfavourable or just the same regarding equal treatment of the following groups? (Select one answer in each line) CREFAV

	I feel more favourable than I did before	No change - I feel just as I did before	I feel more unfavourable now than I did before	I don't know
People with different political opinions CREFAV1	1	2	3	4
People with different religious beliefs CREFAV2	1	2	3	4
People from different ethnic groups CREFAV3	1	2	3	4
People with different sexual orientations CREFAV6	1	2	3	4
People with different gender identities CREFAV7	1	2	3	4
People with a disability and those without a disability CREFAV8	1	2	3	4

The next few questions are about how you feel about the area you live in.

50. How safe do you feel living in this area? (Select one answer) SAFEAREA

Very safe	1
Fairly safe	2
Neither safe nor unsafe	3
Fairly unsafe	4
Very unsafe	5

I can't choose	6
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51. Would you describe your area as... (Select one answer) **LOYREPAR**

Mainly Loyalist	1
Mainly Republican	2
Neither Republican nor Loyalist	3
I can't choose	4

52. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Select one answer in each line) **PSNILAW**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I can't choose
People in this area do not feel confident reporting crime and anti-social behaviour to the PSNI PSNIREP	1	2	3	4	5	6
The PSNI keep this area safe PSNISAFE	1	2	3	4	5	6
People in this area generally abide by the law PPLLAW	1	2	3	4	5	6
People in this area feel that they are protected by the law and justice system LAWPROT	1	2	3	4	5	6

53. Here are some things that other people have said about the neighbourhood that they live in. Thinking about the neighbourhood you live in how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Select one answer in each line)CRIMENGH****

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I can't choose
There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour in this area LOWCRIME	1	2	3	4	5	6
There is a strong sense of community in this area STGCOMM	1	2	3	4	5	6
Paramilitary groups have a controlling influence in this area PMCONT	1	2	3	4	5	6
Paramilitary groups help keep this area safe PMSAFE	1	2	3	4	5	6
Paramilitary groups create fear and intimidation in this area PMFEAR	1	2	3	4	5	6
Paramilitary groups contribute to crime, drug dealing and anti-social behaviour in this area PMDRUGS	1	2	3	4	5	6
There is a lot of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour among young people in this area YPCRIME	1	2	3	4	5	6
Young people are being influenced too much by paramilitary groups in this area PMINFYP	1	2	3	4	5	6

The next set of questions is about crime. What counts as crime is wide-ranging. A crime is a deliberate act that, for example, can cause physical and/or psychological harm and/or abuse, damage to property, theft, fraud. It can occur online or face to face.

54. **Have you been a victim of crime in the past 2 years?** *(Select one answer)* **CRIMVICT**

Yes	1	Go to the next question
No	2	Skip to question 60
I'm not sure	3	Go to the next question
I prefer not to say	4	Skip to question 60

55. **Which of the following were you a victim of?** *(Select all that apply)* **VICTIMU**

Bullying or harassment, including cyber-bullying	1	Go to next question
Financial crimes, such as fraud	1	Go to next question
Hate crime (such racism or sectarianism or homophobia)	1	Go to next question
In-person sexual offences (such as sexual assault, stalking, upskirting etc.)	1	Go to next question
Online sexual abuse (sextortion or other exploitation)	1	Go to next question
Theft/burglary	1	Go to next question
Physical Violence (e.g. being beaten, punched, pushed, kicked etc.)	1	Go to next question
Criminal damage to your or your family's property, such as damage to your house or your family car	1	Go to next question
Domestic Abuse	1	Go to next question
Coercive control / psychological-emotional abuse	1	Go to next question
Something else <i>(Please type what other type of crime you were a victim of in the box below)</i>	1	Go to next question
I prefer not to say	1	Go to next question
I don't think I have been a victim of a crime	1	Skip to question 60

56. **How many times have you been a victim of a crime in the last 2 years?** *(Select one answer)* **VICTTIME**

Once	1
2-3 times	2
4-5 times	3
More than 5 times	4

57. **Did you report any of the crimes you experienced to the police?** *(Select one answer)* **POLREP**

Yes	1
No	2

58. **Did you tell any of the following what had happened?** *(Select all that answer)* **CRIMTELL**

A family member	1
A close friend	1
My boyfriend/girlfriend	1
A charity or helpline	1
A doctor or nurse	1
A teacher or other staff member in your school or college	1
Someone you trust in your church or religious community	1
Other <i>(Please type who you told in the box below)</i>	1
No, I did not report this to anyone	1

59. After the crime, did you get support from any organisation(s) (Select one answer) **CRIMSUPP**

No	1
Yes (Please type the organisation(s) in the box below)	2

60. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Select one answer in each line)

CRIMJUST

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know
The Criminal Justice system (e.g. PSNI, Prosecution, Courts etc.) in Northern Ireland is very effective.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The needs of victims of crimes are prioritised by the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sentences handed out to criminals are too lenient.	1	2	3	4	5	6

The 'Victim Charter for Northern Ireland' sets out the rights that victims of crime have after they report a crime. It also sets out the requirements of the Police, Public Prosecution Service and the Courts and what they need to do to ensure victims' rights are being delivered in Northern Ireland.

61. Had you ever heard of the 'Victim Charter for Northern Ireland' before today? (Select one answer) **VICCHART**

Yes	1
No	2
I'm not sure	3

62. How important do you think it is for young people to know about the Victim Charter? (Select one answer)

VCHTIMP

Very important	1
Quite important	2
Neither important nor unimportant	3
Not very important	4
Not at all important	5
I don't know	6

63. What, do you think, is the main purpose of sentencing someone who committed a crime? (Select one answer on each line) **CRIMPURP**

	Main purpose	Not the main purpose	I don't know
It is a punishment for the person who committed the crime	1	2	3
It is a deterrent - it is designed to stop the person or other people from committing further crime	1	2	3
It provides opportunities for rehabilitation for the person who committed the crime	1	2	3

64. If you were a victim of crime, how valuable do you think it would be for you to meet the perpetrator to talk about what happened to you? (Select one answer) **MEETPERP**

I think it would be valuable to do this in person	1
I think it would be valuable to do this, but not in person	2
I don't think it would be valuable to do this	3
I think it would depend on the circumstances	4
I don't know	5

65. Have you ever heard of the term 'Restorative Justice'? (Select one answer) **RESTJUST**

Yes, I have heard of the term, and I know what this means	1
Yes, I have heard of the term, but I am not sure what this means	2
No, I have not heard this term	3

The following questions are about you and nature. By nature, we mean all types of natural environment and all the plants and animals living in them. Nature can be close to where you live in towns, the countryside, or wilderness areas further away.

66. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Select one answer in each line)

	Completely Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Completely Agree
I always find beauty in nature. NATCON1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I always treat nature with respect. NATCON2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Being in nature makes me very happy. NATCON3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Spending time in nature is very important to me. NATCON4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I find being in nature really amazing. NATCON5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I feel part of nature. NATCON6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

67. Which, if any, of the following do you have access to? (Select all that apply) **NATAACCESS**

A garden at home	1
A community garden I help look after (with my family, or at school, etc.)	1
An allotment I help look after	1
None of these	1

68. How often do you do the following by yourself or with someone else? (Select one answer in each line)

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Sometimes	Frequently	Very Frequently	Always
Take part in wildlife surveys (such as Garden bird watch, Bio-Blitz, etc.) PROCOB1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pick up litter to help nature have a better home PROCOB2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Talk to other people (such as family, friends, etc.) about the importance of looking after nature and the environment PROCOB3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
When walking in nature, by myself or with a dog, I try to avoid disturbing wildlife PROCOB4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Grow flowers and/or plants that birds and insects will like PROCOB5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Make homes for nature (such as insects, hedgehogs, etc.) PROCOB6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Put food out to feed garden birds PROCOB7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Leave an area of lawn/flowerbed to grow wild PROCOB8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The current UK government has pledged to lower the voting age in the UK from 18 to 16 years. This would mean that 16-year-olds would be able to vote in all elections and referendums.

69. Are you personally in favour of lowering the voting age to 16? (Select one answer) **VOTE16**

I am in favour of this	1
I am not in favour of this	2
I don't know	3

70. Please explain why you are in favour, not in favour or not sure about lowering the voting age to 16 years of age. (Please type your reason(s) in the box below) **YVOTE16**

71. If all young people in Northern Ireland were receiving comprehensive civic and political education in school, would you be more in favour of the voting age being lowered to 16, less in favour, or would your view not change? (Select one answer) **EDVOTE16**

I would be more in favour	1
I would be less in favour	2
My view would not change	3
I don't know	4

72. What is currently your main way of finding out about what is going on in politics? (Select one answer) **POLINFO**

Mainstream media (such as the TV, radio or newspapers in print or online)	1
Social media	2
School	3
Friends	4
Other (Please type your main source of information about politics in the box below)	5

73. Suppose there were elections tomorrow and 16-year-olds were entitled to vote, would you personally vote, or would you not vote? *(Select one answer)* **PERSVOTE**

I would definitely vote	1
I would probably vote	2
I would probably not vote	3
I would definitely not vote	4
I don't know	5

Thanks for your time. Just one more question to go!

74. We will be running another Young Life and Times survey next year. Is there anything that you think we should be asking about life in Northern Ireland in our next survey? *(Please type your suggestions in the box below)*

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