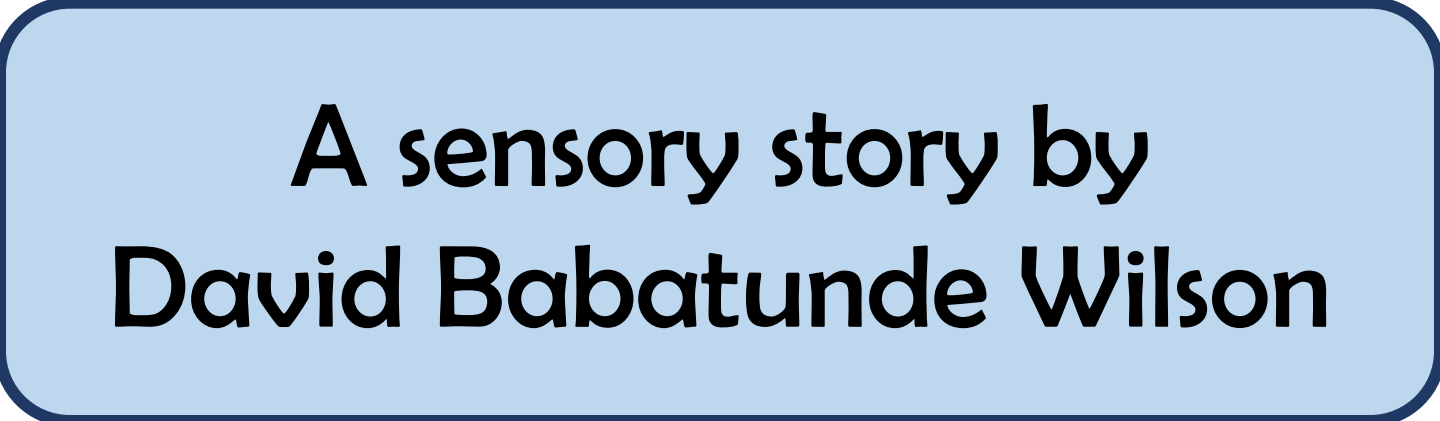


**Bo – the
cloud who
couldn't rain**

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**A sensory story by
David Babatunde Wilson**

Transition Music

Music is integral to so many sensory stories. Consistent transition music at the start and end of a story helps to enable children and young people to anticipate what is coming next and to participate more fully in the story-sharing process. They also help to set the mood for the story.

Please feel free to choose your own transition music. The following are only suggestions:

Introductory music:

- **Up, up, up! – Barefoot books**

Story ending:

- **Mr Blue Sky – Makaton version**



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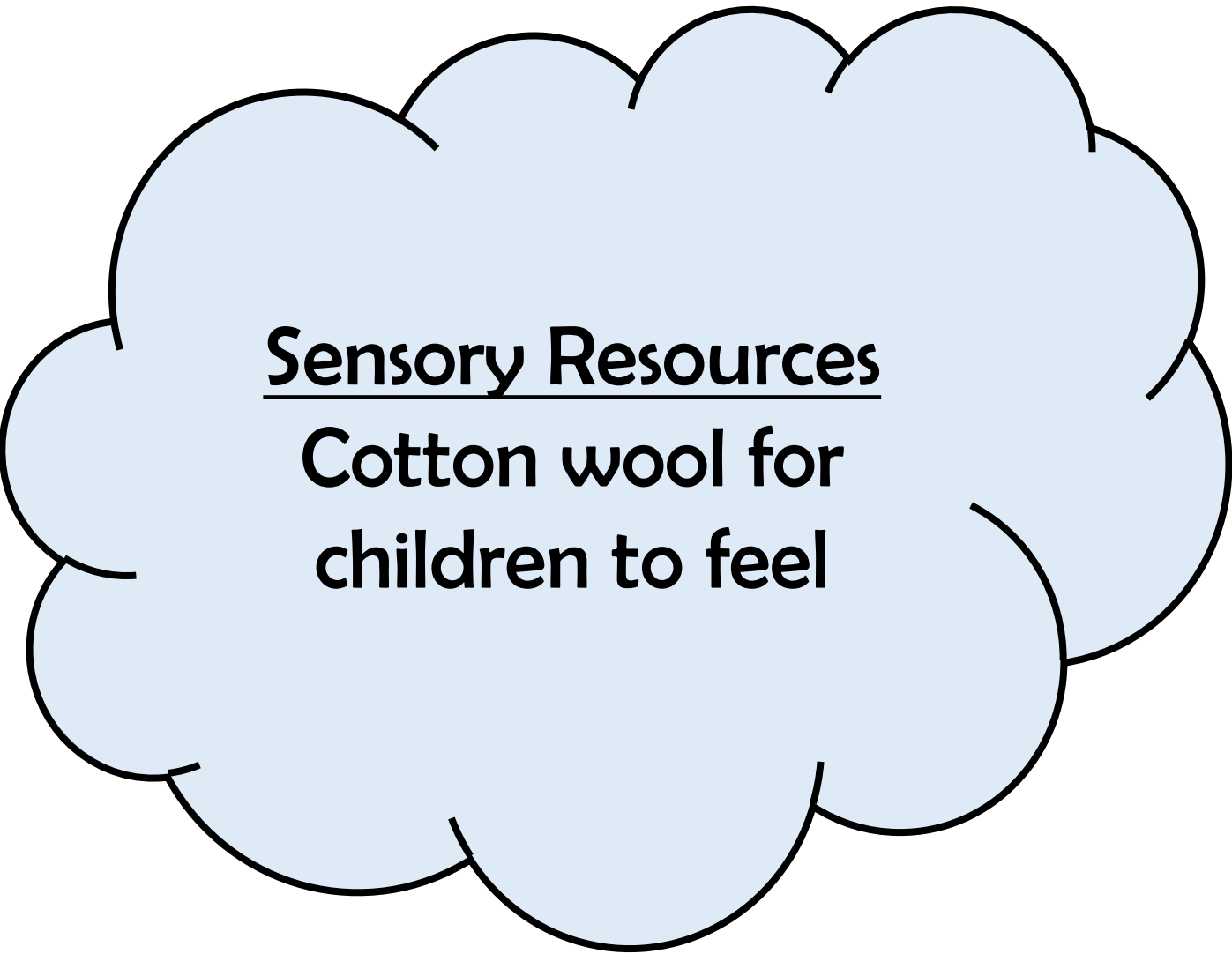
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Resources

You will need some sensory resources available for this story.

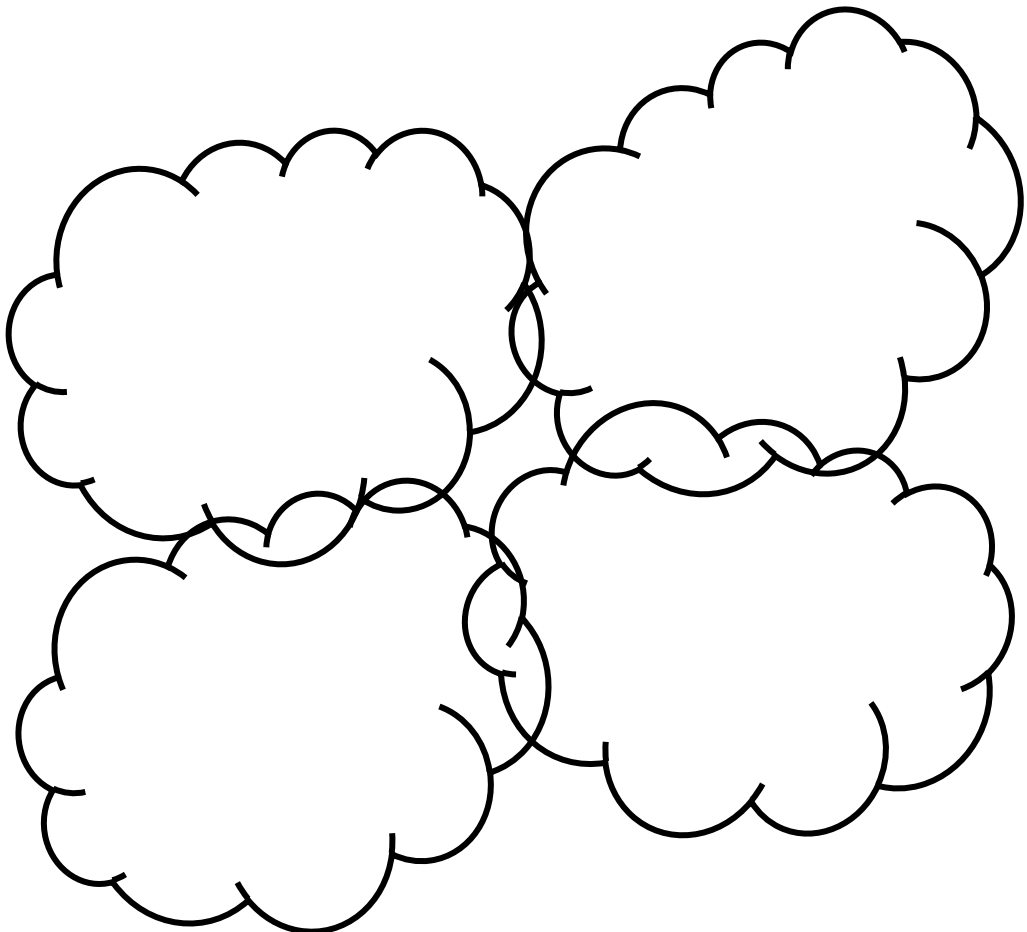
- **Cotton wool**
- **Hand-held fan**
- **Light blue fabric**
- **Shallow water tray**
- **Blue food colouring**
- **Jug & bowl**
- **Water spray**
- **Artificial grass**
- **Artificial flowers**
- **Rain sounds (sound switch or screen)**
- **Heavy rain sounds**
- **Toy cars**
- **Toy house / dolls' house**
- **Sad music on sound switch or screen (e.g. 'Demons' by Imagine Dragons**
- **Sand tray**
- **'Rain on me' – Lady Gaga & Ariana Grande**
- **Pipette**
- **Sound switch – laughter**
- **Toy cows & sheep**
- **Sound switch – "Pula!"**

For many or some children or young people it may be appropriate to include gentle massage on children's backs or arms, being sensitive to tactile needs or tactile defensiveness. Suggestions for story massage are included with the resources for each section of the story.



Sensory Resources

**Cotton wool for
children to feel**





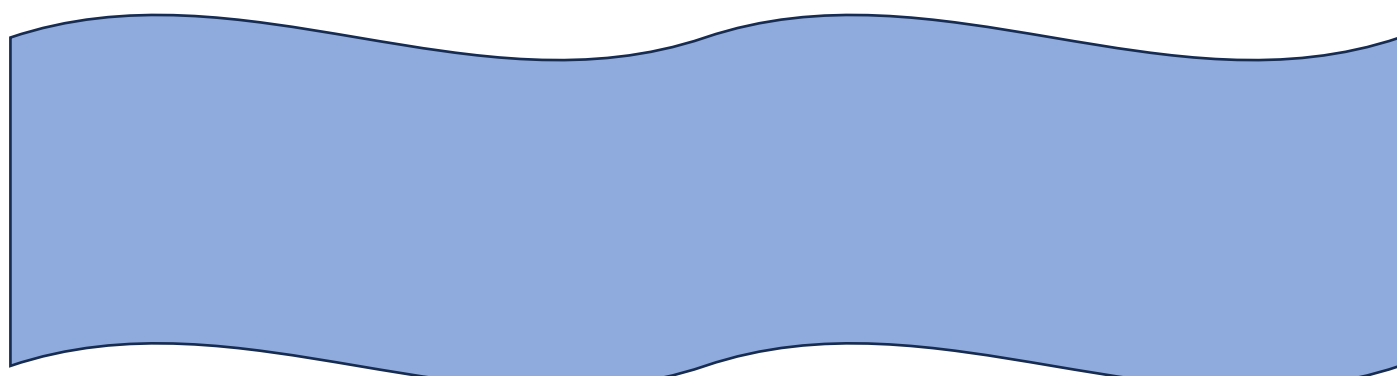
**Bo was just a little
cloud, floating high
up in the sky.**

Sensory Resources

Hand-held fan

**Light blue fabric to
wave up and down
for waves**

**Water in a tray with
blue food colouring**

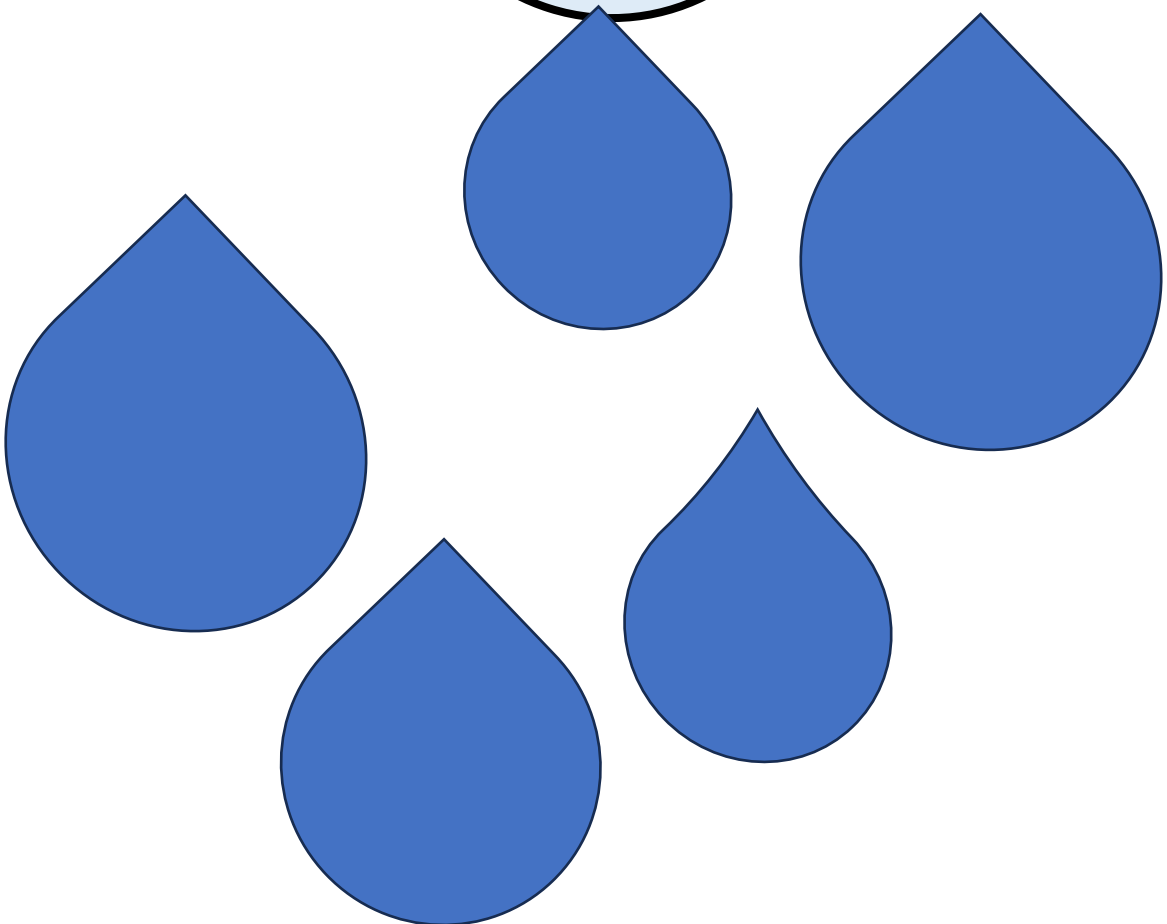


He and his friends
blew this way and
that over the deep
blue sea.



Sensory Resources

Water spray
Jug & bowl of water
to make
dripping/pouring
sounds



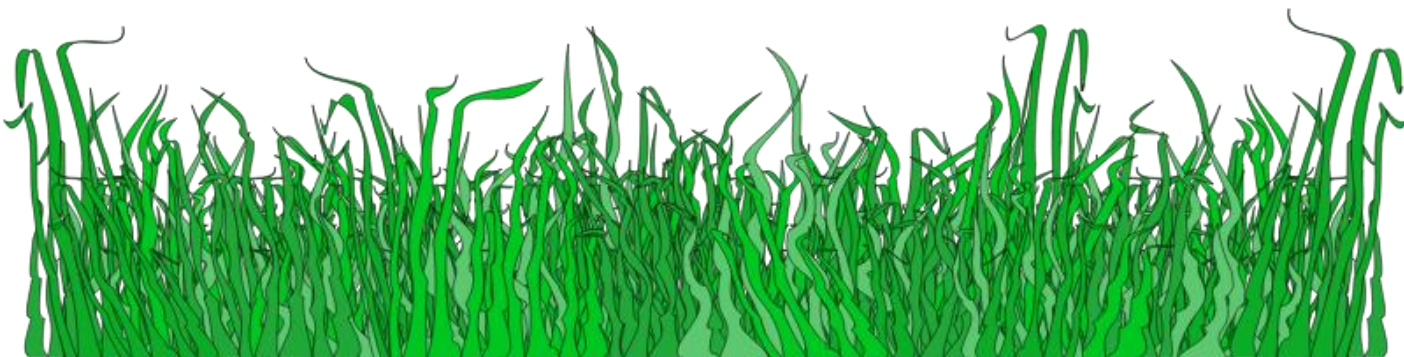
**“Let’s float over the
land instead” called
his friends. As they
floated they started
to rain.**



Sensory Resources

Artificial grass

**Rain sounds on
soundswitch**





**They rained over the
green fields between
the sea and the
mountains.
But Bo couldn't rain.**

Sensory Resources

Toy cars

Toy house/dolls house



**They rained over the
houses and the cars.
But Bo couldn't rain.**



Sensory Resources

Heavy rain sounds on
computer

Jug & bowl of water
– pour water over
students' hands



As they climbed higher
and higher up the
mountains they rained
and rained until rivers
poured down.



Sensory Resources
Demons – Imagine
Dragons (violin
cover) or other sad
instrumental music



**But Bo still couldn't
rain.**

Bo was very sad!



Sensory Resources

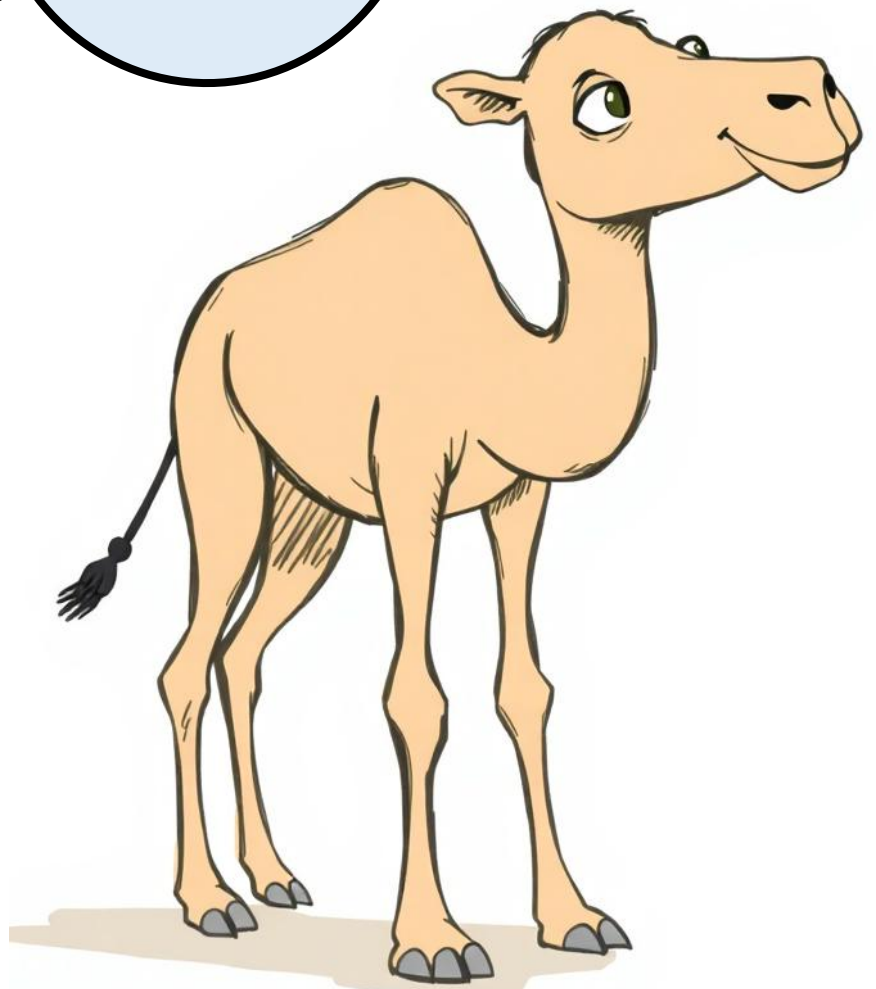
Sand tray

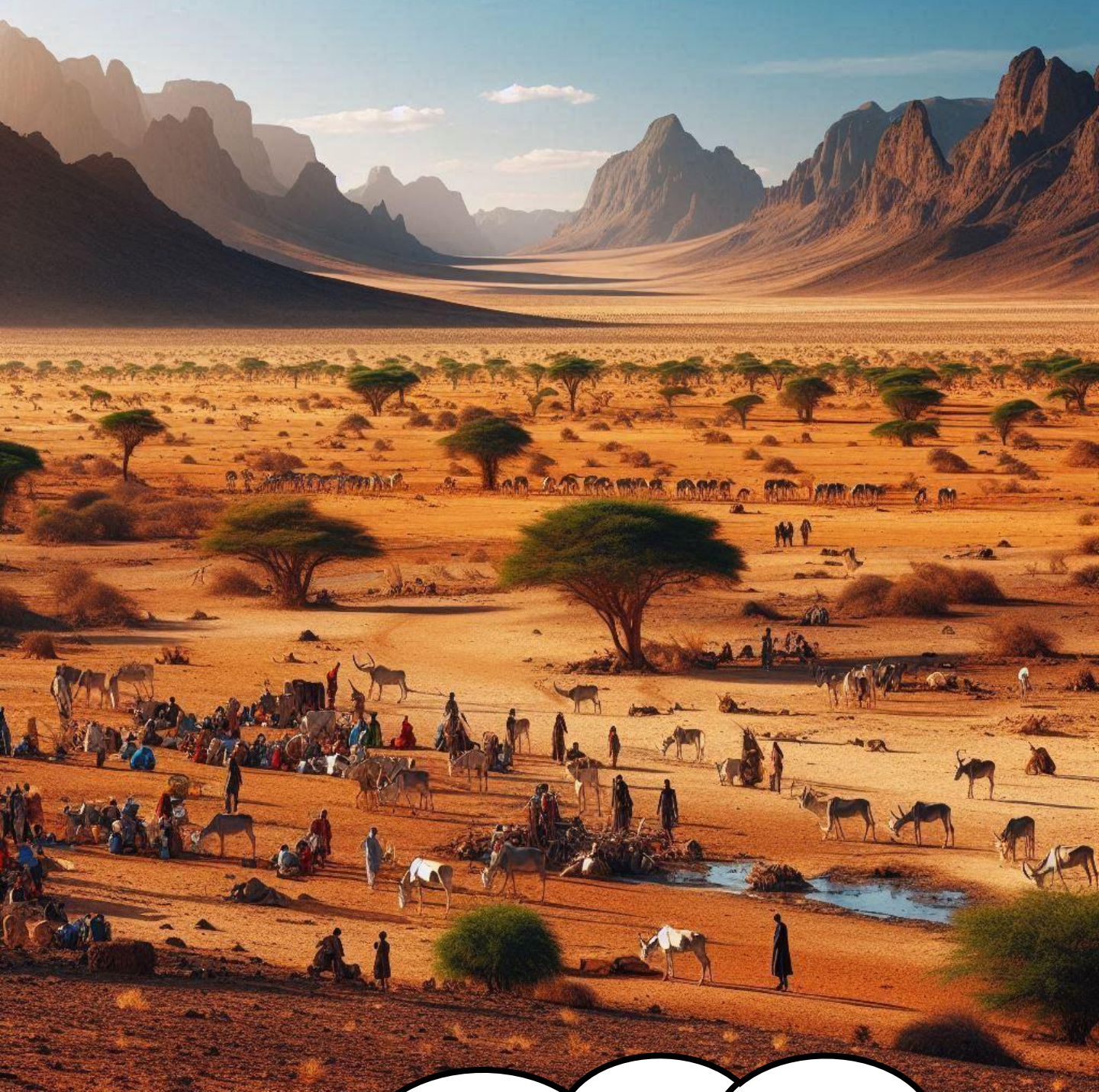


**Bo floated over a
wide, sandy desert.**

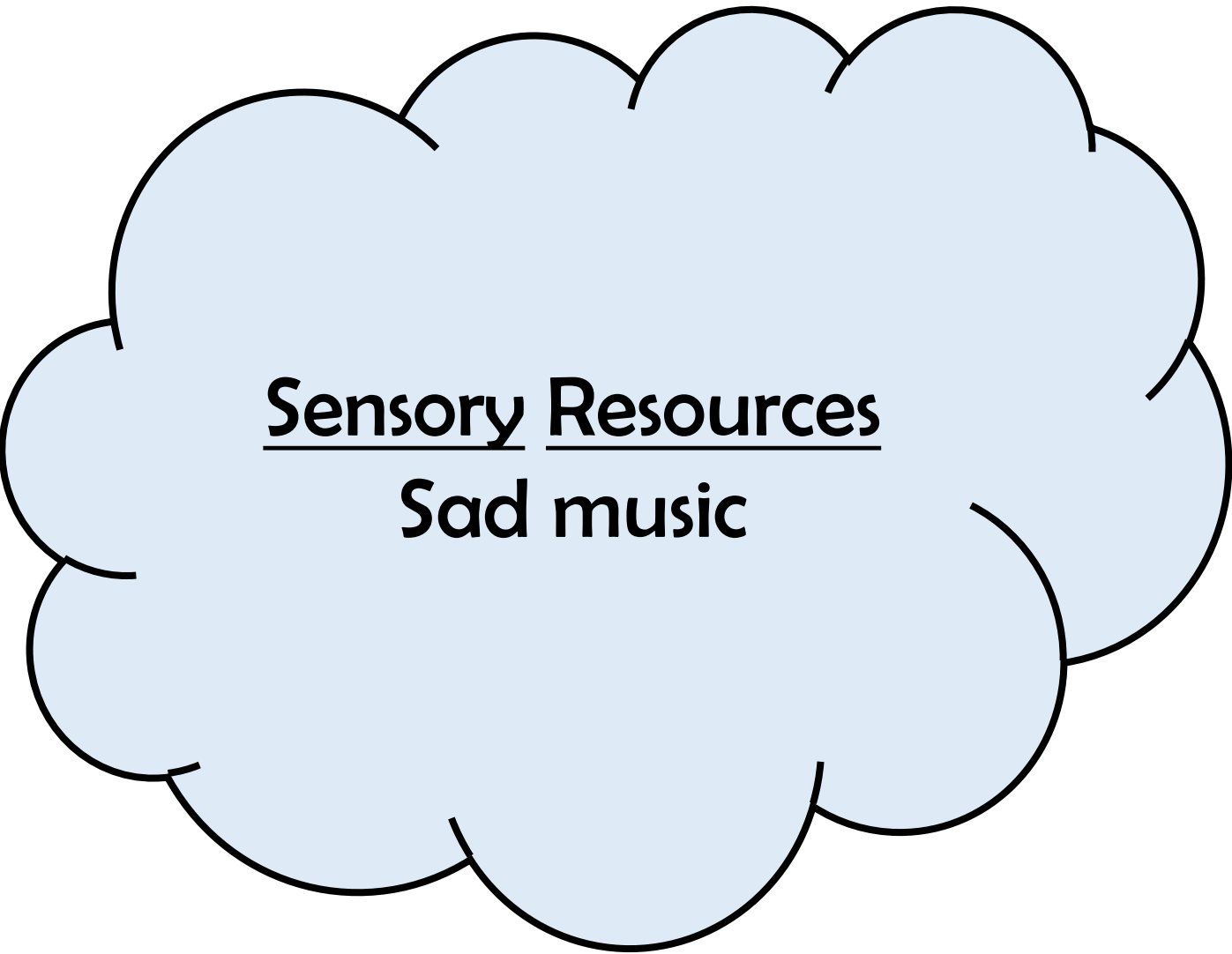


Sensory Resources
Sound switch clip of
“Rain on me” (Lady
Gaga & Ariana
Grande)



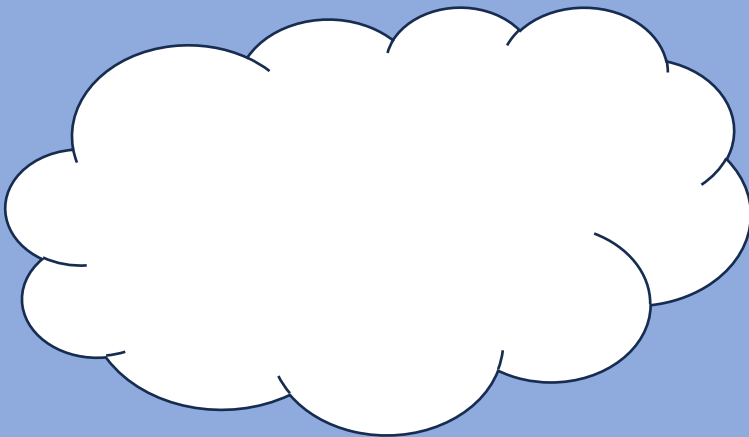


**It was very dry. The
people and the
animals were very
thirsty.**



Sensory Resources

Sad music

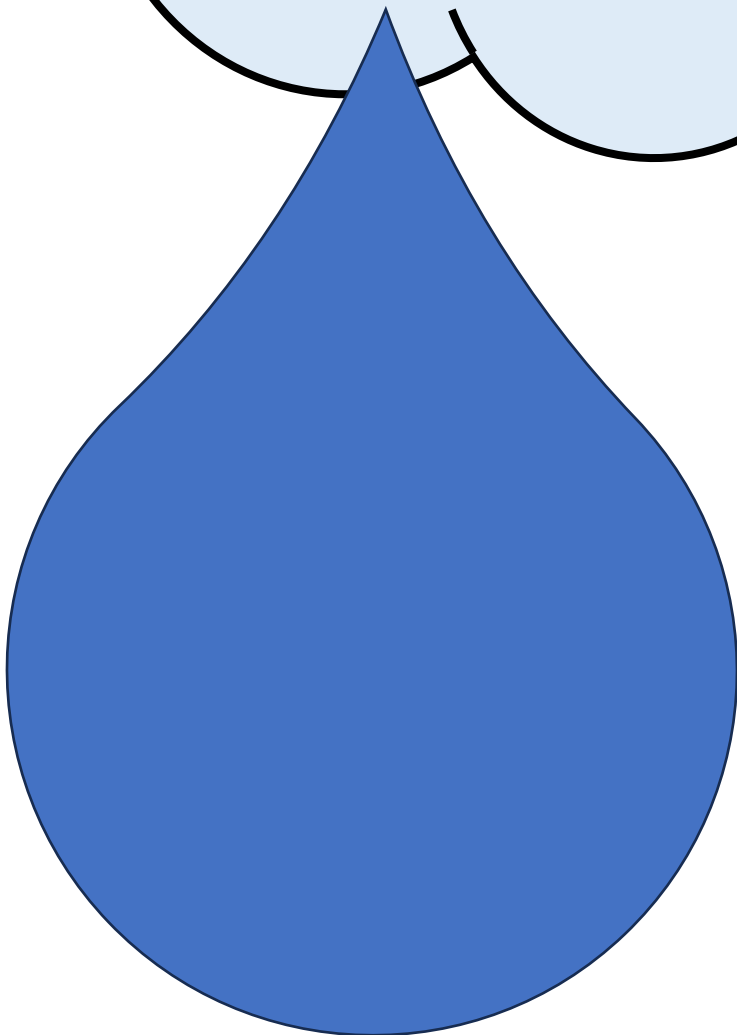


**Bo looked around.
He was the only
cloud left.
And he still couldn't
rain.**



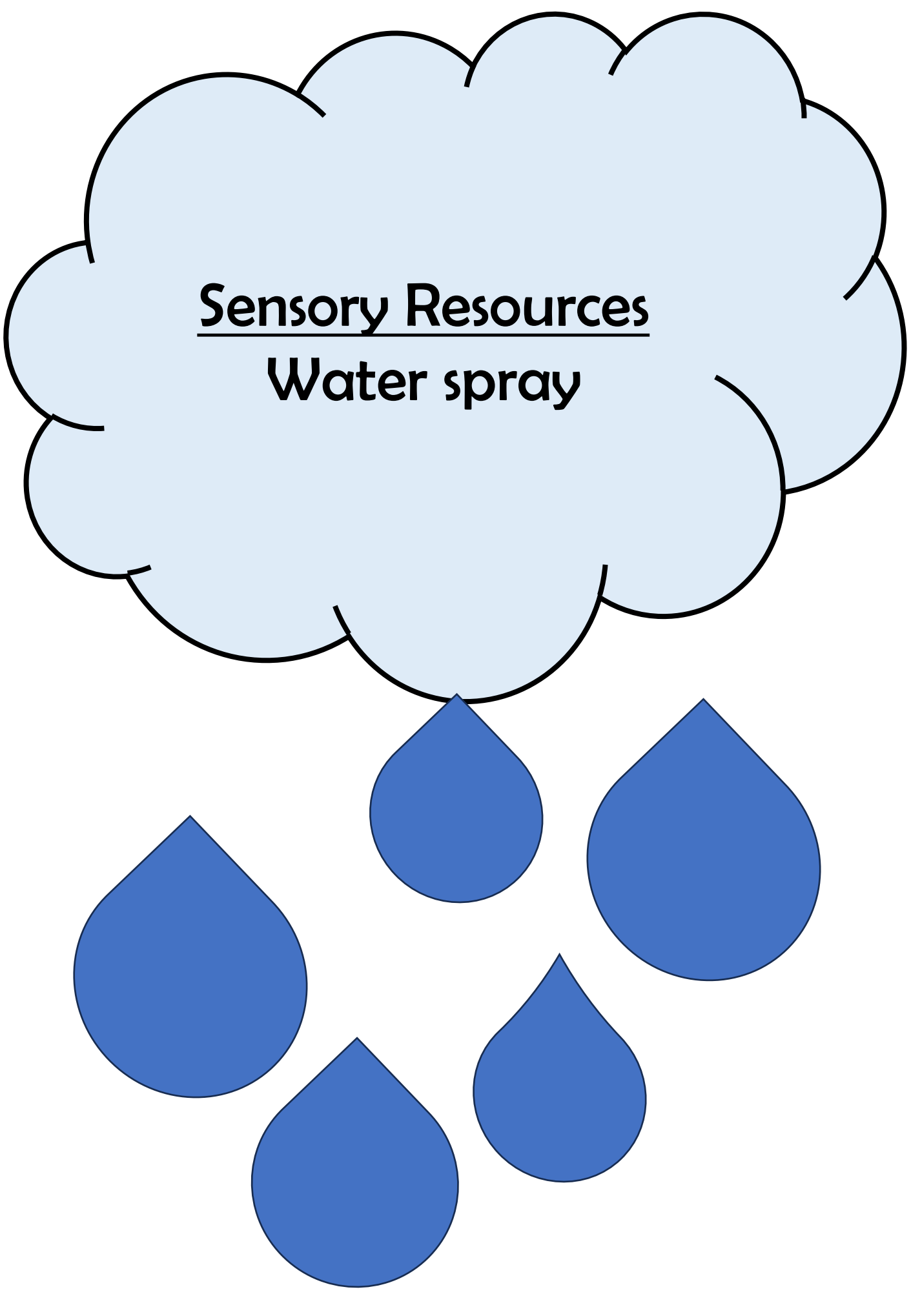
Sensory Resources

**Drip water from a
pipette**





**Bo started to cry. A
tear rolled down his
cheek. Plop!
Then another and
another. Plop! Plop!**



Sensory Resources

Water spray



**Before he knew it, Bo
was raining!**

Sensory Resources

Sound switch –
children laughing

Sound switch –
“Pula!”

Pula!



**Bo laughed! The
people below
laughed! “Pula!
Rain!” they cheered.**



Sensory Resources

Artificial grass and
flowers

Toy cows and sheep
“Pula!” sound switch



Soon the desert was covered in grass and flowers and the people and animals had plenty to drink. “Pula!”





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