

1. Purpose of the Script

- Automates the process of converting Supreme Court judgments (PDFs) into a searchable vector database.
- Enables **semantic search** (find similar content by meaning, not keywords).
- Outputs:
 - supreme_court.faiss → vector index
 - metadata.json → mapping of vectors → original PDF text

2. Workflow / Procedure

Step 1: Collect PDFs

- Place all judgment PDFs inside supreme_court_judgments/.
- Expected structure (for year extraction):

Step 2: Extract Text

- Uses **PyPDF2** (PdfReader) to read text page by page.
- If page text is missing (None), adds empty string.

• <u>↑</u> Limitation: For scanned image PDFs → text = <u>***</u>. Needs **OCR** separately.

Step 3: Chunk Text

- Splits text into **500-word segments**.
- Overlap = 50 words (to maintain context between chunks).
- Example:

```
Chunk 1 → words 0–499
Chunk 2 → words 450–949
...
```

Step 4: Encode Chunks

- Uses **SentenceTransformer** (all-MiniLM-L6-v2) model → 384-d embeddings.
- Encoding done in **batches of 128 chunks** for efficiency.
- Embeddings are normalized → allows cosine similarity with FAISS.

Step 5: Store in FAISS Index

- FAISS index type: IndexFlatIP
 - Uses inner product similarity.
 - Since vectors are normalized, **cosine similarity** = inner product.
- Metadata for each chunk stored in metadata.json .
- Example metadata entry:

```
{
  "file": "supreme_court_judgments/2020/case1.pdf",
  "year": "2020",
  "chunk_index": 3,
  "text": "...."
}
```

Step 6: Save & Resume

- Every 500 PDFs, script saves:
 - supreme_court.faiss
 - metadata.json
 - o completed_files.txt
- If rerun, skips already processed PDFs → continues where left off.

3. **Key Functions**

Function	Role
extract_text_from_pdf(file_path)	Reads PDF text with PyPDF2
<pre>chunk_text(text, size, overlap)</pre>	Splits text into overlapping word chunks
<pre>save_progress(index, metadata, completed_files)</pre>	Writes index, metadata, and progress files
main()	Orchestrates whole process: PDF scanning, extraction, embedding, indexing

4. Required Installations

Core Dependencies

pip install sentence-transformers pip install PyPDF2 pip install tqdm pip install numpy

PyTorch (required for embeddings)

• CPU-only:

pip install torch torchvision torchaudio --index-url https://download.pytorch.or g/whl/cpu

• GPU (if Nvidia GPU present, match CUDA version from PyTorch site):

pip install torch torchvision torchaudio --index-url https://download.pytorch.or g/whl/cu118

FAISS (Vector Database)

• CPU version (easier, recommended):

pip install faiss-cpu

• GPU version (may fail on Windows):

pip install faiss-gpu

5. How to Run

- 1. Put PDFs in supreme_court_judgments/.
- 2. Install dependencies (above).
- 3. Run script:

python chat.py

- 4. Wait for progress bar → Index is built.
- 5. Outputs:
 - supreme_court.faiss
 - metadata.json
 - completed_files.txt

6. Q How to Query the Index

```
import faiss, json, numpy as np
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer
# Load model, index, metadata
model = SentenceTransformer("sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2")
index = faiss.read_index("supreme_court.faiss")
with open("metadata.json", "r", encoding="utf-8") as f:
  metadata = json.load(f)
# Encode query
query = "Can the police arrest without a warrant?"
q_vec = model.encode(query, convert_to_numpy=True, normalize_embedding)
s=True)
q_vec = np.ascontiguousarray(q_vec.reshape(1, -1).astype("float32"))
# Search top 5 results
D, I = index.search(q_vec, 5)
for idx in I[0]:
  print(metadata[idx]["file"], metadata[idx]["chunk_index"])
  print(metadata[idx]["text"][:300], "...\n")
```

```
import os
                     # operating system utilities (file checks, env, etc.)
import glob
                      # file pattern matching (find PDFs recursively)
import json
                     # read/write JSON for metadata
import faiss
                     # FAISS library for fast vector (similarity) search
import numpy as np
                          # numerical arrays and operations
from pathlib import Path # convenient path handling (Path objects)
from tgdm import tgdm
                           # progress bars for loops
from concurrent.futures import ProcessPoolExecutor # parallelize CPU-boun
d tasks
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer # embedding mode
I wrapper
from PyPDF2 import PdfReader # read and extract text from PDFs
                      # used to check CUDA availability and for model backe
import torch
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nd
# ----- CONFIG -----
ROOT_DIR = Path("supreme_court_judgments") # root folder containing PDFs
OUTPUT_INDEX = "supreme_court.faiss" # filename for saved FAISS inde
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OUTPUT_METADATA = "metadata.json" # filename for saved metadata
                               # number of words per text chunk
CHUNK_SIZE = 500
CHUNK_OVERLAP = 50
                                   # overlap (words) between consecutiv
e chunks
BATCH_SIZE = 128
                               # how many chunks to encode at once
MODEL_NAME = "sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2" # embedding m
odel to use
SAVE_INTERVAL = 500
                                 # save progress after processing this m
any PDFs
device = "cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu"
# choose 'cuda' if GPU available else 'cpu'
model = SentenceTransformer(MODEL_NAME, device=device)
# load the SentenceTransformer model onto the chosen device
def extract_text_from_pdf(file_path):
  try:
    reader = PdfReader(file_path)
                                            # open the PDF
    text = "\n".join([p.extract_text() or "" for p in reader.pages])
    # extract text from every page; if extract_text() returns None → use empt
y string
    return file_path, text
                                       # return tuple (path, text)
  except Exception as e:
    return file_path, ""
                                       # on error return empty text
def chunk_text(text, chunk_size=500, overlap=50):
  words = text.split()
                                      # split text into words (list)
  chunks = []
                                    # list to hold chunks
```

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start = 0
  while start < len(words):
                                             # loop until all words consumed
    end = min(start + chunk_size, len(words))
                                                    # compute chunk end in
dex
    chunk = " ".join(words[start:end])
                                                # join words back to a string
    chunks.append(chunk)
                                              # add chunk to list
    start += chunk_size - overlap
                                               # advance start (with overlap)
  return chunks
                                         # return list of chunks
def save_progress(index, metadata, completed_files):
  faiss.write_index(index, OUTPUT_INDEX)
                                                      # write FAISS index to d
isk
  with open(OUTPUT_METADATA, "w", encoding="utf-8") as f:
    ison.dump(metadata, f, ensure_ascii=False, indent=2) # save metadata lis
t to JSON
  with open("completed_files.txt", "w") as f:
    f.write("\n".join(completed_files))
                                               # save processed file paths
  print(f" Progress saved: {len(completed_files)} PDFs processed.")
  # print confirmation showing how many PDFs marked completed
def main():
  pdf_files = glob.glob(str(ROOT_DIR / "**/*.pdf"), recursive=True)
  # find all .pdf files under ROOT_DIR recursively and return a list of file paths
(strings)
  print(f"Found {len(pdf_files)} PDF files.") # show how many were fo
und
  completed_files = set()
                                            # set to track already-processed
files
  if os.path.exists("completed_files.txt"):
                                                 # if checkpoint exists
    with open("completed_files.txt", "r") as f:
       completed_files = set(f.read().splitlines()) # read completed file paths
into set
    pdf_files = [f for f in pdf_files if f not in completed_files]
    # filter out files already processed (resume behavior)
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print(f"Resuming: {len(pdf_files)} files remaining.")# report how many re
main
  dim = model.get_sentence_embedding_dimension()
                                                          # embedding dim
ension (e.g., 384)
  if os.path.exists(OUTPUT_INDEX):
    index = faiss.read_index(OUTPUT_INDEX)
                                                     # load existing FAISS i
ndex from disk
    with open(OUTPUT_METADATA, "r", encoding="utf-8") as f:
                                           # load existing metadata list
       metadata = json.load(f)
  else:
    index = faiss.IndexFlatIP(dim)
                                             # create new FAISS index (inne
r-product)
    metadata = []
                                        # start empty metadata list
  with ProcessPoolExecutor(max_workers=os.cpu_count() // 2) as executor:
    results = list(tgdm(executor.map(extract_text_from_pdf, pdf_files),
                total=len(pdf_files), desc="Extracting PDFs"))
  # parallelize PDF text extraction across CPU cores (half of available cores)
  # executor.map runs extract_text_from_pdf(file) for each file and returns tup
les (file, text)
  # tgdm wraps the iterator to show a progress bar; results is a list of (file_pat
h, text)
  batch_embeddings = [] # list to accumulate numpy arrays of embeddings
(batches)
  batch_metadata = [] # list to accumulate metadata entries (parallel to em
beddings)
  processed_count = 0
                        # counter for how many PDF files processed in this
run
  for file_path, text in tqdm(results, desc="Chunking + Embedding"):
    if not text.strip():
                                    # if extracted text is empty/whitespace
       continue
                                   # skip this PDF (nothing to embed)
    chunks = chunk_text(text, CHUNK_SIZE, CHUNK_OVERLAP)
```

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if not chunks:
                                    # if chunker returned no chunks
       continue
                                   # skip to next PDF
    for i in range(0, len(chunks), BATCH_SIZE): # process chunks in batches
of BATCH SIZE
       batch = chunks[i:i + BATCH_SIZE]
                                             # slice one batch (list of text ch
unks)
      vectors = model.encode(batch, convert_to_numpy=True, normalize_em
beddings=True)
      # encode text batch → numpy array of vectors; normalized (unit lengt
h) for cosine search
       batch_embeddings.append(vectors) # store the batch array in bat
ch_embeddings
      for j, chunk in enumerate(batch):
                                           # iterate over chunks in the batc
h
         batch_metadata.append({
           "file": str(file_path),
                                    # original file path (string)
           "year": Path(file_path).parts[1], # grabs the 2nd path component a
s 'year'
           "chunk_index": i + j,
                                     # chunk index relative to this file
           "text": chunk
                                   # the chunk's raw text
         })
         # NOTE: Path(file_path).parts[1] assumes the path has at least two p
arts;
         # if structure differs this may raise IndexError or give wrong value.
    completed_files.add(file_path)
                                            # mark file as processed (for res
ume)
    processed_count += 1
                                          # increment processed-count
    if processed_count % SAVE_INTERVAL == 0:
                                                     # every SAVE_INTERV
AL PDFs, flush+save
       if batch_embeddings:
         matrix = np.vstack(batch_embeddings).astype("float32")
         # vertically stack all stored batch arrays into one 2D matrix, cast to fl
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         index.add(matrix)
                                       # add vectors to FAISS index
         metadata.extend(batch_metadata)
                                               # append metadata entries i
n same order
         batch_embeddings, batch_metadata = [], []# clear temporary accum
ulators
       save_progress(index, metadata, completed_files)
      # persist index, metadata, and completed_files to disk (checkpoint)
  if batch_embeddings:
                                          # after loop, if leftovers exist
    matrix = np.vstack(batch_embeddings).astype("float32")
                                        # add remaining vectors to index
    index.add(matrix)
    metadata.extend(batch_metadata)
                                                # append remaining metada
ta
  save_progress(index, metadata, completed_files) # final save to persist e
verything
  print(" & All PDFs processed and indexed successfully!") # completion me
ssage
if __name__ == "__main__":
  main()
                                   # run main() only when script executed di
rectly
```

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Detailed Notes on the Script

import faiss
import json
import numpy as np
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer
from phi.agent import Agent
from phi.model.google import Gemini

```
# ----- CONFIG -----
FAISS_INDEX = "supreme_court.faiss"
METADATA_FILE = "metadata.json"
EMBED_MODEL = "sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2"
TOP_K = 5
SHOW_PREVIEW_CHARS = 500 # characters to preview from each chunk
print(" Loading FAISS index & metadata...")
try:
  index = faiss.read_index(FAISS_INDEX)
except Exception as e:
  raise RuntimeError(f" X Could not load FAISS index: {FAISS_INDEX}\n{e}")
try:
  with open(METADATA_FILE, "r", encoding="utf-8") as f:
    metadata = ison.load(f)
except FileNotFoundError:
  raise RuntimeError(f" X Metadata file not found: {METADATA_FILE}")
print(f" Loaded FAISS index with {index.ntotal} vectors and metadata for {le
n(metadata)} chunks.")
# Load embedding model
embed_model = SentenceTransformer(EMBED_MODEL)
# Initialize PhiData agent
agent = Agent(
  model=Gemini(id="gemini-1.5-flash"),
  markdown=True,
)
def expand_query(original_query: str) → str:
  """Use LLM to rewrite/expand user query strictly for Indian Supreme Court
context."""
```

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expansion_prompt = f"""
  Expand the following guery strictly in the context of the Constitution of Indi
а
  and Supreme Court of India case law. Do NOT include foreign cases or US a
mendments.
  Return only the expanded query as a single line of text.
  Query: {original_query}
  run = agent.run(expansion_prompt)
  return run.content.strip()
def retrieve_chunks(query: str, k: int = 5):
  """Embed query, search FAISS, return top-k metadata chunks."""
  query_vector = embed_model.encode([query], normalize_embeddings=Tru
e)
  D, I = index.search(np.array(query_vector, dtype="float32"), k)
  retrieved = [metadata[i] for i in I[0]]
  return retrieved
def build_context(original_query: str, retrieved_chunks):
  """Combine original query + top chunks into a context string for LLM."""
  context = "You are an expert legal assistant.\n"
  context += "Answer the query STRICTLY using ONLY the following excerpts
from Supreme Court of India judgments.\n"
  context += "If no relevant information is found, say exactly: 'No relevant inf
ormation found in the provided judgments.'\n"
  for i, chunk in enumerate(retrieved_chunks, 1):
    context += f"\n[Case {i} | File: {chunk['file']} | Year: {chunk['year']} | Chu
nk: {chunk['chunk_index']}]\n"
    context += chunk["text"] + "\n"
  context += f"\nUser Query: {original_query}\n"
  context += "Provide a concise, legally accurate answer, and cite case numb
```

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ers [Case 1], [Case 2], etc. where applicable."
  return context
def run_query_pipeline(user_query: str):
  print(f"\n \( \infty \) Original Query: {user_query}")
  expanded_query = expand_query(user_query)
  print(f" Expanded Query: {expanded_query}\n")
  retrieved = retrieve_chunks(expanded_query, TOP_K)
  if not retrieved:
    print("X No relevant chunks found in FAISS index.")
    return
  print(f" Retrieved {len(retrieved)} chunks:\n")
  for i, chunk in enumerate(retrieved, 1):
    preview = chunk["text"][:SHOW_PREVIEW_CHARS].replace("\n", " ")
    print(f"--- Chunk {i} ---")
    print(f"File: {chunk['file']} | Year: {chunk['year']} | Chunk Index: {chunk['c
hunk_index']}")
    print(f"Preview: {preview}...\n")
  context = build_context(user_query, retrieved)
  print(" Sending context to LLM...\n")
  response = agent.run(context)
  print("@ Final Answer:\n")
  print(response.content)
# ------ USAGE -----
if __name__ == "__main__":
  user_query = "An industrial plant is polluting a nearby river affecting local c
ommunities. Can I file a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) against the company?
Which Supreme Court judgments discuss environmental protection, citizens' ri
ghts, and PIL procedure?"
  run_query_pipeline(user_query)
```

1. Imports & Config

```
import faiss
import json
import numpy as np
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer
from phi.agent import Agent
from phi.model.google import Gemini
```

- faiss → for similarity search in vector database.
- json → load metadata describing chunks.
- numpy → handle numerical vectors for embedding & search.
- SentenceTransformer → embedding model (turns text into vector).
- Agent & Gemini → PhiData agent wrapping Google Gemini LLM for query expansion + final answer.

```
FAISS_INDEX = "supreme_court.faiss"

METADATA_FILE = "metadata.json"

EMBED_MODEL = "sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2"

TOP_K = 5

SHOW_PREVIEW_CHARS = 500
```

Paths & constants

- faiss file → stores compressed vectors of legal case chunks.
- json metadata → maps each vector to original text + file info.
- Embedding model → pre-trained transformer for semantic similarity.
- TOP_K → number of most relevant chunks to retrieve.
- SHOW_PREVIEW_CHARS → how much of each chunk to preview in logs.

2. Loading Index & Metadata

```
print(" Loading FAISS index & metadata...")
try:
  index = faiss.read_index(FAISS_INDEX)
except Exception as e:
  raise RuntimeError(f" Could not load FAISS index: {FAISS_INDEX}\n{e}")
```

- · Reads the FAISS index from file.
- If corrupted or missing → raises error.

```
try:
    with open(METADATA_FILE, "r", encoding="utf-8") as f:
    metadata = json.load(f)
except FileNotFoundError:
    raise RuntimeError(f"
    Metadata file not found: {METADATA_FILE}")
```

- Loads metadata JSON that contains:
 - file (filename of judgment)
 - year (case year)
 - chunk_index (position in doc)
 - text (actual excerpt)

print(f" Loaded FAISS index with {index.ntotal} vectors and metadata for {le n(metadata)} chunks.")

· Confirms successful load and prints counts.

3. Load Embedding Model & Agent

Loads the embedding model into memory for converting queries → vectors.

```
agent = Agent(
  model=Gemini(id="gemini-1.5-flash"),
  markdown=True,
)
```

- Creates a PhiData agent with **Gemini-1.5-flash**.
- Will be used for query expansion and final response generation.

4. Functions

(a) Expand Query

```
def expand_query(original_query: str) → str:
    expansion_prompt = f"""
    Expand the following query strictly in the context of the Constitution of India
    and Supreme Court of India case law. Do NOT include foreign cases or US a mendments.

Return only the expanded query as a single line of text.

Query: {original_query}
    """
    run = agent.run(expansion_prompt)
    return run.content.strip()
```

- Uses Gemini to rewrite query →
 - More formal
 - Legally precise
 - Limited strictly to Indian SC law
- Ensures context is clean and avoids irrelevant sources.

(b) Retrieve Chunks

```
def retrieve_chunks(query: str, k: int = 5):
    query_vector = embed_model.encode([query], normalize_embeddings=Tru
e)
    D, I = index.search(np.array(query_vector, dtype="float32"), k)
    retrieved = [metadata[i] for i in I[0]]
    return retrieved
```

- Converts query → vector using embeddings.
- Searches FAISS for k nearest vectors.
- · Retrieves corresponding metadata entries.

(c) Build Context

```
def build_context(original_query: str, retrieved_chunks):
    context = "You are an expert legal assistant.\n"
    context += "Answer the query STRICTLY using ONLY the following excerpts
from Supreme Court of India judgments.\n"
    context += "If no relevant information is found, say exactly: 'No relevant information found in the provided judgments.'\n"
```

Sets rules → restrict model to Indian SC judgments only.

```
for i, chunk in enumerate(retrieved_chunks, 1):
    context += f"\n[Case {i} | File: {chunk['file']} | Year: {chunk['year']} | Chu
nk: {chunk['chunk_index']}]\n"
    context += chunk["text"] + "\n"
```

• Appends retrieved case excerpts with citation labels [Case 1], [Case 2] etc.

```
context += f"\nUser Query: {original_query}\n"
context += "Provide a concise, legally accurate answer, and cite case numb
```

```
ers [Case 1], [Case 2], etc. where applicable."
return context
```

- Adds user's original query.
- Instructs LLM to use case references in response.

(d) Pipeline Runner

```
def run_query_pipeline(user_query: str):
    print(f"\n \( \bigcirc \) Original Query: {user_query}")
    expanded_query = expand_query(user_query)
    print(f" Expanded Query: {expanded_query}\n")
```

Prints original & expanded query.

```
retrieved = retrieve_chunks(expanded_query, TOP_K)
if not retrieved:
    print("X No relevant chunks found in FAISS index.")
    return
```

- · Gets top-k relevant case chunks.
- If none found → aborts.

```
print(f" Retrieved {len(retrieved)} chunks:\n")
for i, chunk in enumerate(retrieved, 1):
    preview = chunk["text"][:SHOW_PREVIEW_CHARS].replace("\n", " ")
    print(f"--- Chunk {i} ---")
    print(f"File: {chunk['file']} | Year: {chunk['year']} | Chunk Index: {chunk['chunk_index']}")
    print(f"Preview: {preview}...\n")
```

• Prints retrieved chunks (file, year, preview).

```
context = build_context(user_query, retrieved)
print(" Sending context to LLM...\n")
response = agent.run(context)
print(" Final Answer:\n")
print(response.content)
```

- Builds context + retrieved case law.
- Sends to Gemini for final legal reasoning answer.
- Prints result.

5. Main Execution

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    user_query = "I am a journalist..."
    run_query_pipeline(user_query)
```

- Defines a test query:
 - Journalistic freedom vs Sedition (IPC 124A) & promoting enmity (IPC 153A).
 - Asks if protection under Article 19(1)(a) applies.
- Runs the pipeline:
 - 1. Expand query
 - 2. Retrieve SC cases
 - 3. Build context
 - 4. Get Gemini answer with case citations.

Overall Flow

1. User query \rightarrow expanded by Gemini for legal precision.

- 2. **Embedding model** → converts query → vector.
- 3. **FAISS search** → finds most relevant case excerpts.
- 4. **Build context** → joins query + cases into a structured prompt.
- 5. **Gemini agent** → answers with legal reasoning & citations.



📑 Sample User Queries (Detailed)

Freedom of Speech / Journalism

 Query: I am a journalist who published an article criticizing a state government policy. The police have filed an FIR against me under IPC Sections 124A (sedition) and 153A (promoting enmity). I did not incite violence — I only expressed my opinion with supporting facts. Can I seek protection under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution, and which Supreme Court judgments can help me defend my right to freedom of speech?

Data Privacy / Digital Rights

 Query: The government is collecting personal data including my social media activity and financial records for public welfare schemes. Do I need to provide consent under Indian law? Which Supreme Court rulings clarify the right to privacy and data protection in India?

Criminal Law / Bail

• Query: I am accused of a non-violent financial crime and have applied for bail. How does the Supreme Court guide granting bail in such cases? Which judgments provide precedence for bail in economic offense cases?

5 Environmental Law / Public Interest Litigation

• Query: An industrial plant is polluting a nearby river affecting local communities. Can I file a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) against the company? Which Supreme Court judgments discuss environmental protection, citizens' rights, and PIL procedure?

6 Censorship / Publication Rights

 Query: Can the government restrict the publication of a book or academic research under the Constitution? Which Supreme Court judgments define the limits of freedom of expression in publications?

Online Platforms / Liability

• **Query:** Are social media platforms or online portals liable for user-generated content under Indian law? Which Supreme Court judgments clarify platform responsibility and content moderation rules?

8 Right to Privacy in Digital Communications

• **Query:** How does the Supreme Court define the right to privacy for digital communications, including emails and messages? Which rulings protect citizens against unauthorized surveillance?

Political Activism / Freedom of Expression

• **Query:** I am a political activist expressing dissent. How does the Supreme Court define freedom of speech in protests and political activities? Which judgments safeguard lawful political expression?

10 Tenancy / Property Rights

 Query: I am a tenant facing unlawful eviction by my landlord. Which Supreme Court judgments define tenants' rights and limits of eviction under Indian tenancy laws?

Police accessed my WhatsApp chats without a proper court warrant during investigation. Can I challenge this under the Right to Privacy guaranteed by the Supreme Court in Puttaswamy judgment, and how does Article 21 protect me in this case?

https://youtu.be/WS1uVMGhIWQ?si=oBubkbhTh3jKRDaX

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdF3rLdF4lCScQkCs5SKF09zijhSpS8EN

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVLiKPcCN2k

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?

list=PLAMHV77MSKJ4Z4OXqao1gRdfQK7VQYAXb

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSx0jg9ZILo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acxqoltilME

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po4Tf_UWSu8&t=1s