



# Look And Say - 40 points (Coding)

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Let's define a function "Look and Say" as follow: read off the digits of the input, counting the number of digits in groups of same digit. Here are some examples of this function

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- `LookAndSay(1) = 11` because 1 is read off as "one 1" or 11.
- `LookAndSay(11) = 21` because 11 is read off as "two 1s" or 21.
- `LookAndSay(21) = 1211` because 21 is read off as "one 2, then one 1" or 1211.
- `LookAndSay(1211) = 111221` because 1211 is read off as "one 1, then one 2, then two 1s" or 111221.
- `LookAndSay(111221) = 312211` because 111221 is read off as "three 1s, then two 2s, then one 1" or 312211.

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We then define a "Look and Say" sequence as repeatedly called the "Look and Say" function on its output.

Given a number `start` and a number of iteration `n`, **calculate** the `nth` number in a "Look and Say" sequence starting with `start`.

Reusing the previous example with `start = 11` and `n = 2`, `LookAndSay(11, 2) = 1211` because `LookAndSay(LookAndSay(11)) = 1211`

Since this sequence grows quickly we will use a string representation for the number in the sequence to avoid number overflow.

## YOUR ANSWER

Java



```
1 ▼ import java.io.*;
2  import java.util.*;
3  import java.text.*;
4  import java.math.*;
5  import java.util.regex.*;
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7  public class Solution {
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9  ▼ /*
10     * Complete the function below.
11     */
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13 ▼     static String LookAndSay(String start, int n) {
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16     }
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19  public static void main(String[] args) throws
IOException{
20      Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
21      final String fileName =
System.getenv("OUTPUT_PATH");
22      BufferedWriter bw = new BufferedWriter(new
FileWriter(fileName));
23      String res;
24      String _start;
25  try {
26      _start = in.nextLine();
27  } catch (Exception e) {
28      _start = null;
29  }
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31      int _n;
32      _n = Integer.parseInt(in.nextLine());
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34      res = LookAndSay(_start, _n);
35      bw.write(res);
36      bw.newLine();
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38      bw.close();
39  }
40  }


```

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☐ Test against custom input

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