

DICTIONARY IN PYTHON

Dictionaries are used to store data values in key:value pairs.

A dictionary is a collection which is ordered*, changeable and do not allow duplicates.

Dictionaries are written with curly brackets, and have keys and values.

Dictionary Items

Dictionary items are ordered, changeable, and do not allow duplicates.

Dictionary items are presented in key:value pairs, and can be referred to by using the key name.

Changeable

Dictionaries are changeable, meaning that we can change, add or remove items after the dictionary has been created.

Duplicates Not Allowed

Dictionaries cannot have two items with the same key.

Dictionary Length

To determine how many items a dictionary has, use the len() function:

Dictionary Items - Data Types

The values in dictionary items can be of any data type.

Get Keys

The keys() method will return a list of all the keys in the dictionary.

Get Values

The values() method will return a list of all the values in the dictionary.

Change Values

You can change the value of a specific item by referring to its key name:

Update Dictionary

The update() method will update the dictionary with the items from the given argument.

The argument must be a dictionary, or an iterable object with key:value pairs.

Adding Items

Adding an item to the dictionary is done by using a new index key and assigning a value to it.

Removing Items

There are several methods to remove items from a dictionary.

Access Items in Nested Dictionaries

To access items from a nested dictionary, you use the name of the dictionaries, starting with the outer dictionary.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS:

1. Basic Dictionary Operations:

```
# Create a dictionary named student with keys "name," "age," and
"grade," and assign appropriate values.
student = {
    "name": "Mukta",
    "age": 20,
    "grade": "A"
}
print(student)

# Print the value associated with the "age" key.
print(student["age"])

#Update the "grade" to a new value
student["grade"] = "B"
print(student)

#.Add a new key-value pair for "subject" and its corresponding value.
student["subject"] = "Math"
print(student)
```

Output:

```
{'name': 'Mukta', 'age': 20, 'grade': 'A'}
20
{'name': 'Mukta', 'age': 20, 'grade': 'B'}
{'name': 'Mukta', 'age': 20, 'grade': 'B', 'subject': 'Math'}
```

2. Dictionary Manipulation:

```
# Create two dictionaries, dict1 and dict2, with at least three key-
value pairs each.
dict1 = {
    "name": "Mukta",
    "age": 20,
    "grade": "A"
}
dict2 = {
    "name": "Neha",
    "age": 22,
    "grade": "B"
}
print(dict1)
print(dict2)

#Merge these dictionaries into a new dictionary called merged_dict.
merged_dict = {**dict1, **dict2}
print(merged_dict)

#Remove a key from merged_dict.
del merged_dict["age"]
print(merged_dict)

#Check if a specific key exists in dict1
if "name" in dict1:
    print("Name exists in dict1")
else:
    print("Name does not exist in dict1")
```

Output:

```
{'name': 'Mukta', 'age': 20, 'grade': 'A'}
{'name': 'Neha', 'age': 22, 'grade': 'B'}
{'name': 'Neha', 'age': 22, 'grade': 'B'}
{'name': 'Neha', 'grade': 'B'}
Name exists in dict1
```

3. Iterating Through a Dictionary:

```
#Use a loop to print all keys in the student dictionary.
student = {
    "name": "Mukta",
    "age": 20,
    "grade": "A"
}
for key in student:
    print(key)

#Use another loop to print all values in the student dictionary.
for value in student.values():
    print(value)

#Write a loop to print each key-value pair in the student dictionary
for key, value in student.items():
    print(key, value)
```

Output:

```
name
age
grade
Mukta
20
A
name Mukta
age 20
grade A
```

4. Dictionary Comprehension:

```
#Create a dictionary comprehension to generate a dictionary of squares
from 1 to 10.
dict = {num: num**2 for num in range(1, 11)}

#Filter the above dictionary to include only even squares.
dict = {num: num**2 for num in range(1, 11) if num**2 % 2 == 0}
print(dict)
```

Output:

```
{2: 4, 4: 16, 6: 36, 8: 64, 10: 100}
```

5. Nested Dictionaries:

```
#Create a dictionary named school with multiple students (nested
dictionaries).
school = {
    "student1": {
        "name": "Mukta",
        "age": 20,
        "grade": {
            "math": "A",
            "science": "B"
        }
    },
    "student2": {
        "name": "Neha",
        "age": 2,
        "grade": {
            "math": "B",
            "science": "A"
        }
    }
}

#Access and print information about a specific student within the
school dictionary.
print(school["student1"])
print(school["student2"])
```

Output:

```
{'name': 'Mukta', 'age': 20, 'grade': {'math': 'A', 'science': 'B'}}
{'name': 'Neha', 'age': 2, 'grade': {'math': 'B', 'science': 'A'}}
```

6. Dictionary Functions:

```
#Use the len() function to find the number of items in a dictionary.
student = {
    "name": "Mukta",
    "age": 20,
    "grade": "A"
}
print(len(student))

#Use the keys(), values(), and items() methods on a dictionary and
print the results
print(student.keys())
print(student.values())
print(student.items())
```

Output:

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dict_keys(['name', 'age', 'grade'])
dict_values(['Mukta', 20, 'A'])
dict_items([('name', 'Mukta'), ('age', 20), ('grade', 'A')])
```

7. Sorting a Dictionary:

```
#Create a dictionary with unsorted keys.
unsorted_dict = {
    "c": 3,
    "a": 1,
    "b": 2
}
#Use the sorted() function to print the keys in alphabetical order.
print(sorted(unsorted_dict))
```

Output:

```
['a', 'b', 'c']
```

8 . Dictionary Methods:

```
# Use the get() method to retrieve a value with a default if the key
doesn't exist.
student = {
    "name": "Mukta",
    "age": 20,
    "grade": ""
}
print(student.get("name"))
print(student.get("age"))
print(student.get("grade"))

#Use the pop() method to remove and return a specific key-value pair.
print(student.pop("grade"))
print(student)
```

Output:

```
Mukta
20
```

```
{'name': 'Mukta', 'age': 20}
```