

Solution 16: Python Swap Numbers

1) The glasses idea (ordering)

Correct order:

- 1) Pour **Glass A** into **Temp**
- 2) Pour **Glass B** into **Glass A**
- 3) Pour **Temp** into **Glass B**

So the blanks are:

- 2 Pour **Glass B** into **Glass A**
 - 1 Pour **Glass A** into **Temp**
 - 3 Pour **Temp** into **Glass B**
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2) Fill in the blanks: swap two numbers with

temp

```
a = 6
b = 7

temp = a
a = b
b = temp
```

After the swap, **a** is 7 and **b** is 6.

3) What is the output?

Step by step: - First print shows `a = 10 , b = 3` - After swapping, print shows

```
a = 3 , b = 10
```

```
a = 10 , b = 3
a = 3 , b = 10
```

4) Debugging (2 bugs)

Corrected lines: - Line A: `temp = a` - Line B: `b = temp`

Correct full code (one correct fix):

```
a = 5
b = 9

temp = a
a = b
b = temp

print(a, b)
```

Output:

```
9 5
```

5) What does “in-place” mean?

- In-place means we **do** change the same list.
- We **don't** create a new list.

6) Trace one full reverse (5 letters)

Start: `["A" , "B" , "C" , "D" , "E"]`

- After 1st swap (index 0 and 4): `["E" , "B" , "C" , "D" , "A"]`

- After 2nd swap (index 1 and 3): `["E", "D", "C", "B", "A"]`
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7) What is the output?

Reversing `[1, 2, 3, 4]` gives:

```
[ 4, 3, 2, 1 ]
```

8) Fill in the missing code (reverse a list)

One correct completion:

```
items = [ "X", "Y", "Z", "W" ]  
  
left = 0  
right = len(items) - 1  
  
while left < right:  
    temp = items[left]  
    items[left] = items[right]  
    items[right] = temp  
  
    left = left + 1  
    right = right - 1  
  
print(items)
```

Output:

```
[ 'W', 'Z', 'Y', 'X' ]
```

9) Write code: swap the first and last item only

One possible solution:

```
letters = ["A", "B", "C", "D", "E"]

temp = letters[0]
letters[0] = letters[len(letters) - 1]
letters[len(letters) - 1] = temp

print(letters)
```

Output:

```
['E', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'A']
```