

Python's Escape Character Sequences Cheatsheet

Escape Sequence	Meaning	Description
<code>\<newline></code>	Explicit line continuation in string literals	Splits a string literal over multiple lines in the source code for better readability
<code>\\</code>	Backslash (<code>\</code>)	Shows a literal backslash in the output
<code>\'</code>	Single quote (<code>'</code>)	Nests the quote in a string literal enclosed with single quotes
<code>\"</code>	Double quote (<code>"</code>)	Nests the quote in a string literal enclosed with double quotes
<code>\a</code>	ASCII Bell (<code>BEL</code>)	Makes the terminal emulator play an alert sound
<code>\b</code>	ASCII Backspace (<code>BS</code>)	Removes the character to the left of the cursor
<code>\f</code>	ASCII Formfeed (<code>FF</code>)	Advances the cursor to the next page region
<code>\n</code>	ASCII Linefeed (<code>LF</code>)	Breaks the line by inserting a non-printable newline character
<code>\r</code>	ASCII Carriage Return (<code>CR</code>)	Moves back the cursor to the beginning of the current line
<code>\t</code>	ASCII Horizontal Tab (<code>TAB</code>)	Inserts a non-printable horizontal tab space into the current line
<code>\v</code>	ASCII Vertical Tab (<code>VT</code>)	Moves the cursor down to the next vertical tab stop without moving it horizontally
<code>\ooo</code>	Character with octal value <code>ooo</code>	For example, <code>\052</code> represents the asterisk character (<code>*</code>)
<code>\xhh</code>	Character with hexadecimal value <code>hh</code>	For example, <code>\x2a</code> represents the asterisk character (<code>*</code>)
<code>\N{name}</code>	Character with a name from the Unicode database	For example, <code>\N{latin small letter e with acute}</code> represents <code>é</code>
<code>\uhhhh</code>	Character with a 16-bit hexadecimal Unicode code point	For example, <code>\u00e9</code> represents <code>é</code>
<code>\Uhhhhhhh</code>	Character with a 32-bit hexadecimal Unicode code point	For example, <code>\U0001f40d</code> represents the snake emoji (<code>🐍</code>)

For more details on using these sequences, check out Real Python's tutorial [What Are Python Raw Strings?](#)