

For Loops Unpacked

For Loops must have:

1. A for statement, ending with a colon
2. A loop variable
3. An indented line of code

Example Code:

```
fruits = ["Apples", "Bananas", "Cherries"]
```

```
for x in fruits:  
    print(x)
```

(**Here, the x is the loop variable**)

Output:

Apples
Bananas
Cherries

What is actually happening behind the scenes??:

Loop 1	With the first element in the dataset in place of the loop variable (here, x is the loop variable), the program completes the full indented code after the for statement	for "Apples" in fruits: print("Apples") Output: Apples
Loop 2	With the second element in the dataset in place of the loop variable , the program starts the code again from the first line after the for statement, and completes the full indented code after the for statement	for "bananas" in fruits: print("Bananas") Output: "Bananas"
Loop 3	With the third element in the dataset in place of the loop variable , the program starts the code again from the first line after the for statement, and completes the full indented code after the for statement	for "Cherries" in fruits: print("Cherries") Output: "Cherries"

The loop will continue to restart with the next element in the dataset, until

1. it reaches the end of the dataset, or
2. a condition is met for the loop to stop.

A more complicated example:

```
fruits = ["apples", "bananas", "cherries"]
```

```
for fruit in fruits:
    if len(fruit) > 7:
        print(fruit[0])
```

Output:

B

C

Why?:

Loop 1	With the first element in the dataset in place of the loop variable (here, fruit is the loop variable), the program completes the full indented code after the for statement	<pre>for "Apples" in fruits: if len("Apples") > 7: print("Apples"[0])</pre> <p>Output: Nothing. (The print statement is not executed, because the condition is not met)</p>
Loop 2	With the second element in the dataset in place of the loop variable , the program starts the code again from the first line after the for statement, and completes the full indented code after the for statement	<pre>for "Bananas" in fruits: if len("Bananas") > 7: print("Bananas"[0])</pre> <p>Output: B</p>
Loop 3	With the third element in the dataset in place of the loop variable , the program starts the code again from the first line after the for statement, and completes the full indented code after the for statement	<pre>for "Cherries" in fruits: if len("Cherries") > 7: print("Cherries"[0])</pre> <p>Output: C</p>