Getting started with IPython

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2. **list out the commands starting with `a`**

Look-up the documentation of `round` and see how to use it

Exercise 3

Check the output of

```
round(2.48)
round(2.48, 1)
round(2.484)
round(2.484, 2)
```

Solution 3

```
round(2.48)       = 2.0
round(2.48, 1)    = 2.5
round(2.484)      = 2.0
round(2.484, 2)   = 2.48
```

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   - `Ctrl + C`
   - `Ctrl + D`
   - `Alt + C`
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3. **Which character is used at the end of a command, in `IPython` to display the documentation.**
   - **under score (_)**
   - **question mark (?)**
   - **exclamation mark (!)**
   - **ampersand (&)**

Solutions

1. **False**
2. `Ctrl + D`
3. **question mark (?)**

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