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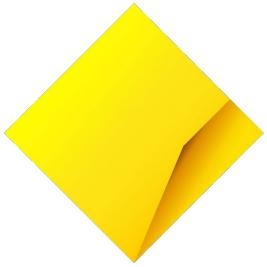


Commonwealth Bank

Who are the tutors?

Who are you?

Log on

Log on and jump on the GPN website

girlsprogramming.network/workshop

Click on your node location

Click on your room.

From this page you can see:

- These **slides** (to take a look back or go on ahead).
- A link to your **workbook** in EdStem
- Other helpful bits to use through the day!

Tell us you're here!

Click on the
Start of Day Survey
and fill it in now!

Start of Day Survey

Today's project!

Markov Chains!

What is a Markov Chain?

A Markov chain is a simple Artificial Intelligence!

Let’s play a game with some cups to help explain it

Let’s play the cups game!

Let’s generate some text in the style of Green Eggs & Ham by Dr Seuss

Do you like green eggs and ham?

I do not like them, Sam-I-am.

I do not like green eggs and ham.

Would you like them here or there?

I would not like them here or there.

I would not like them anywhere.

Let’s play the cups game!

- Each cup is **labelled** with a word from Green Eggs and Ham

- Each cup **contains** the words that follow the "label" word in Green Eggs and Ham

We’re going to write some text by randomly choosing a next word based on the word before it

Let's play the cups game!

Read the outside of your cup!

If someone shouts the word on the outside of your cup:

1. Pick a piece of paper from inside your cup
2. Shout out the word on the piece of paper
3. Put the piece of paper back in your cup

A tutor will write the words called out on the board

Today we'll be making Markov Chains!

Markov chains are exactly what we just did with the cups!

Today we'll make the computer do it to make some crazy stories!!

Here's one we made from some Shakespeare!

```
doth stay! All days when I compare thee to unseeing eyes
be blessed made By chance, or eyes can see, For all the
top of happy show thee in dark directed. Then thou, whose
shadow shadows doth stay! All days when I compare thee in
your self in inward worth nor outward fair, Can make
bright, How would thy shade Through heavy sleep on the eye
of life repair, Which this, Time's pencil, or my pupil
pen, Neither in the living day, When in eternal lines of
that fair from fair thou grow'st, So should the lines to a
summer's day?
```

Imagine if you used one of these to do your homework!!

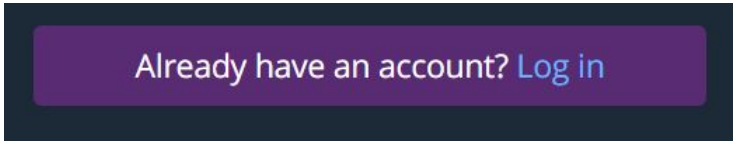
Introduction to Edstem

Log on

Click on your **Workbook** link to take you into EdStem

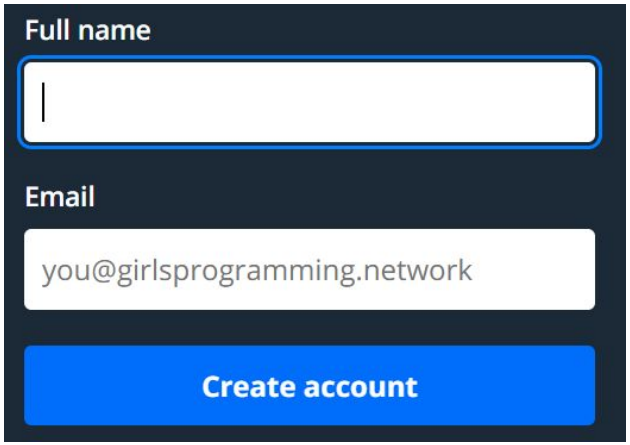
Signing up to Edstem

Log in if you already have a an “Edstem” account from a past GPN



If you haven’t got an account, let’s make one:

1. Type in your Full Name
2. Type in your personal email
3. Click Create Account
4. Go to your email and verify your new account
5. Create a password



Click Join Course

The name of your course will be at the top : →

If you don’t have access to your email account, ask a tutor for a GPN Edstem login

Signing up to Edstem

We are shifting all our courses to a new website called “Edstem” so here’s an overview of how to sign up and how to use it.

First let’s go through how to create an account.

1. Follow this link: **https://edstem.org/au/join/afrJT9**
2. Type in your name and your personal email address
3. Click Create Account
4. Go to your email to verify your account
5. Create a password
6. It should then take you to the courses home page.
7. Click on the one we will be using for this project:

Getting to the lessons

1. Once you are in the course, you'll be taken to a discussion page.
2. Click the button for the lessons page (top right - looks like a book)

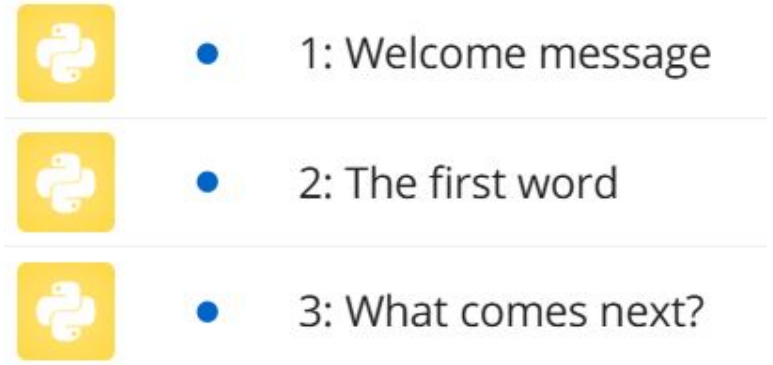
The set up of the workbook

The main page:

1. Heading at the top that tells you the project you are in

2. List of “Chapters” called something like **1:Welcome Message**
   They have an icon that looks like this:

3. To complete your project, work through the chapters one at a time



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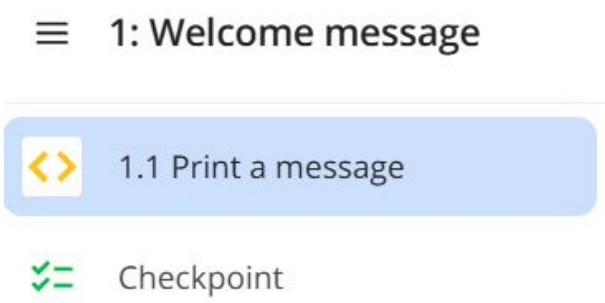

- **Lessons** where you will do your coding.
  - They have this icon: 
- **Checkpoints** 

  Each chapter has a checkpoint to complete to move to the next chapter. Make sure you scroll down to see all the questions in a checkpoint.

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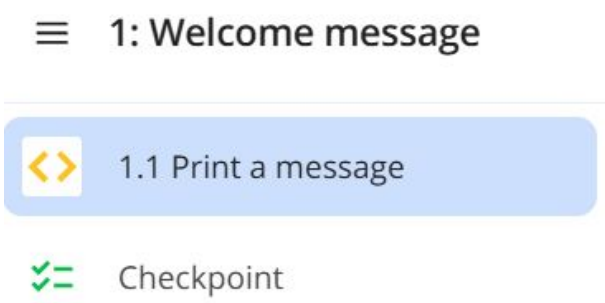

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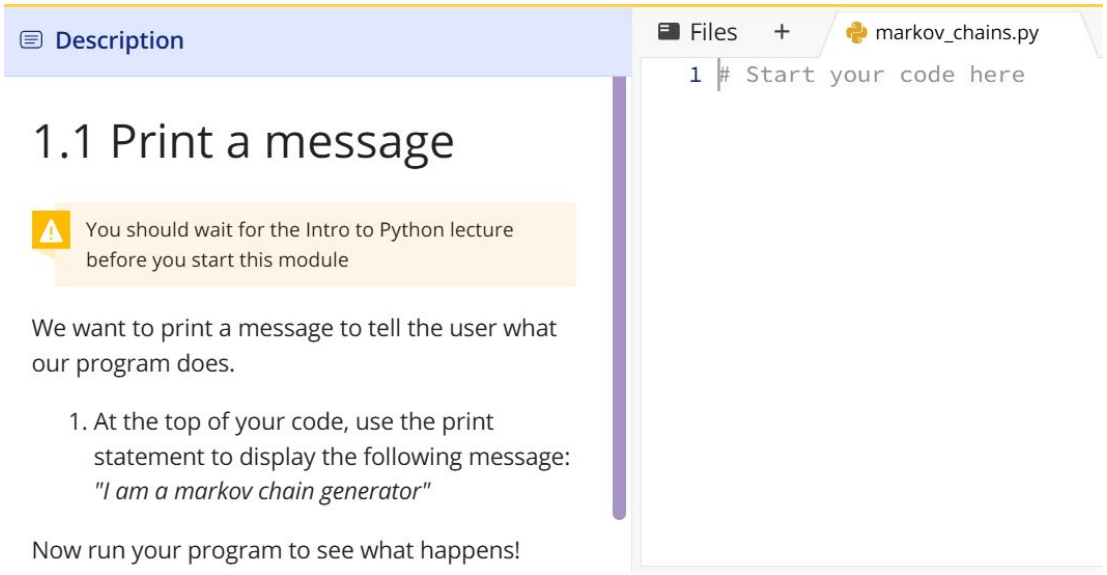
How to do the work

In each Lesson there is:

1. A section on the left with instructions
2. A section on the right for your code

You will need to **copy your code from the last lesson**, then follow the instructions to change your code

There are also Hints and Code Blocks to help you



Hints

Sometimes in a lesson, there's some code we want you to do that might be a bit tricky, to help you out we've added some hints. They look like this:

If you press the blue run button it will show you what that code does, you can even change the code to see if/how it changes.

These are **just hints** make sure you're not copying the hint into your code as it will likely end up breaking. They are just to show you the kinds of things you can do.

Running your code...

Click  in the bottom right hand corner

Your code will run and any output will display in the Console

Some shortcuts...

There are a couple things you can do to make copying your code from one page to another easier.

1. **Ctrl + A** Pressing these keys together will select all the text on a page
2. **Ctrl + C** Pressing these keys together will copy anything that's selected
3. **Ctrl + V** Pressing these keys together will paste anything you've copied

On Macs use Command (⌘) instead of Ctrl

Project time!

You now know all about the EdStem!

You should now sign up and join our EdStem class.

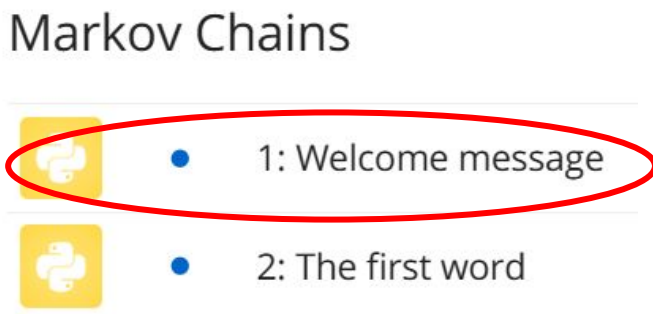
Remember the tutors will be around to help!

Intro to Python

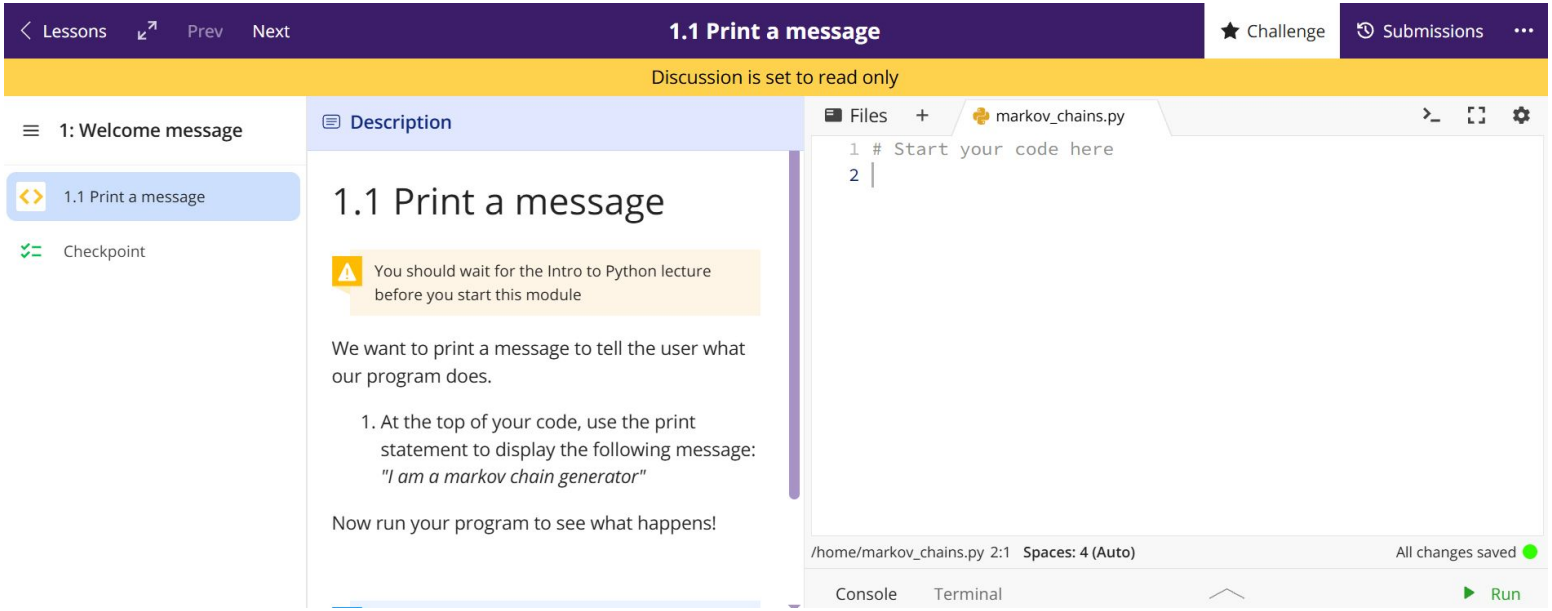
Let’s get coding!

Let's make a mistake!

Click on Chapter 1 **'Welcome message'**



The first lesson '1.1 Print a message' will open. It looks like this



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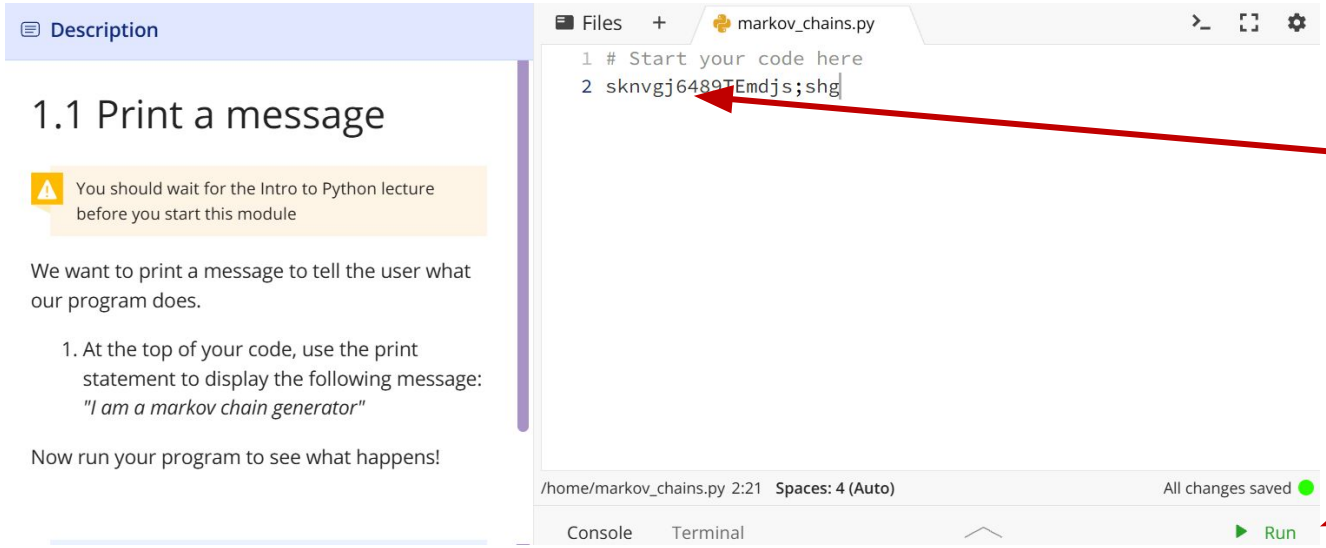
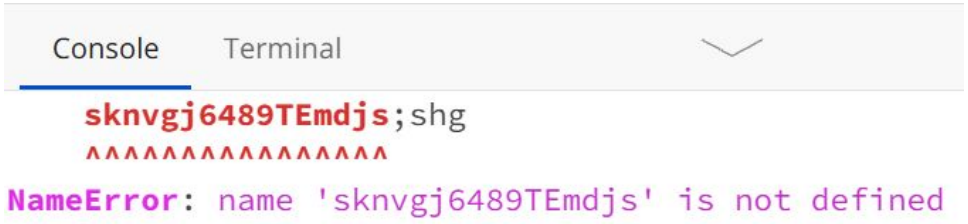


Type by **button mashing** the keyboard here - type anything you want

Click Run here to run your code!

Did you get a big ugly error message?



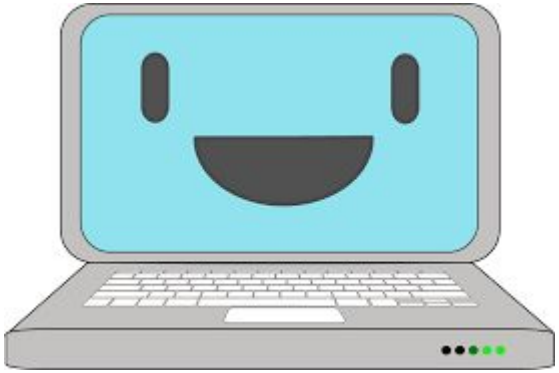
Mistakes are great!

SyntaxError:
Invalid Syntax

Good work you made an error!

ImportError
No module
named humour

- Programmers make A LOT of errors!
- Errors give us hints to find mistakes
- Run your code often to get the hints!!
- Mistakes won't break computers!



KeyError:
'Hairy Potter'

```
AttributeError:
'NoneType' object
has no attribute
'foo'
```

```
TypeError: Can't
convert 'int' object
to str implicitly
```

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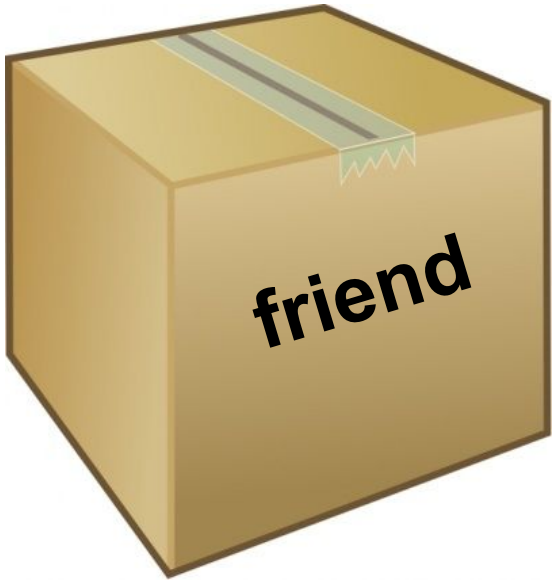
It prints the words “hello world” onto the screen!

Variables

Variables are useful for storing things that change

(i.e. things that "vary" - hence the word "variable")

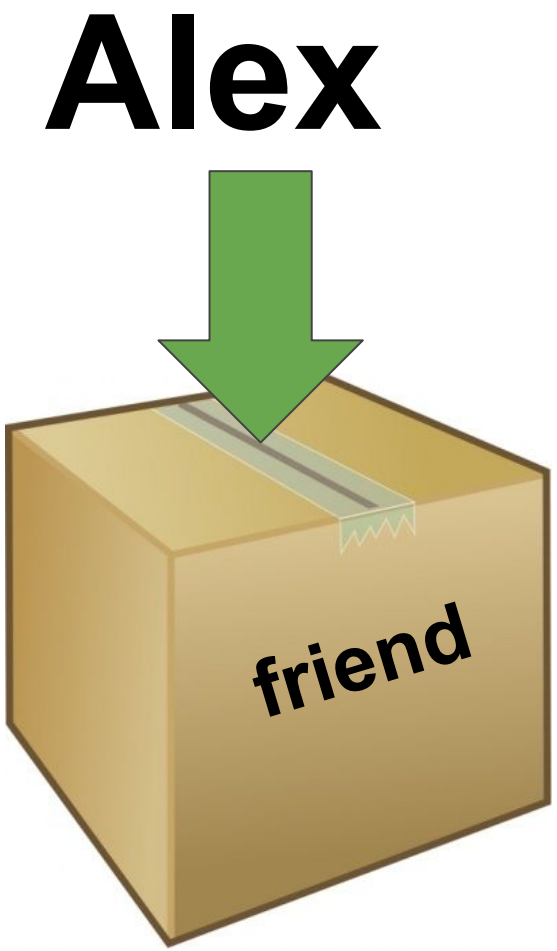
You can think of it like putting information in a box and giving it a label



Variables

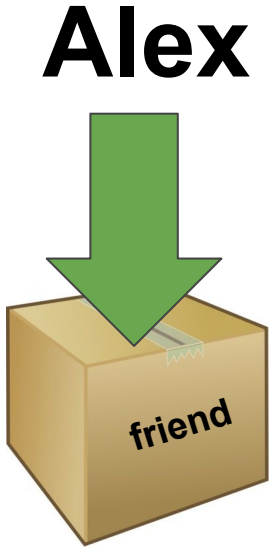
When coding, we can make a variable called **friend** and set it to a value like this

friend = “Alex”



Variables

Instead of writing the word “Alex”, we can write **friend** (the variable’s name).
The computer will substitute the current value of friend.
It’s like we’re getting the value out of the box!

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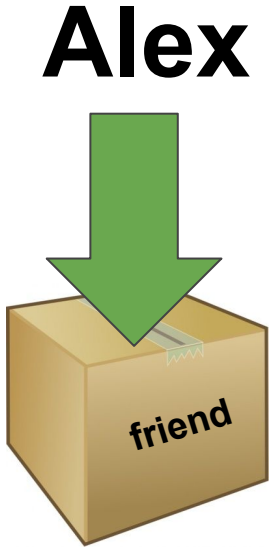


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```
Alex
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Reusing variables

We can replace values in variables:

```
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What will this output?

```
My favourite animal is a dog
My favourite animal is a cat
My favourite animal is a catdog
```

Asking a question!

It's more fun when we get to interact with the computer!

Let's get the computer to ask us a question!

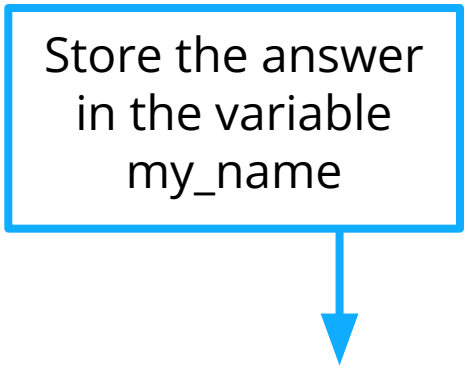
```
my_name = input('What is your name? ')
print('Hello ' + my_name)
```

This is what happens ...

```
What is your name? Maddie
Hello Maddie
```

1. Computer prints 'What is your name?'
2. Computer waits for you to type in your name
3. Computer prints 'Hello Maddie'

Breaking it down

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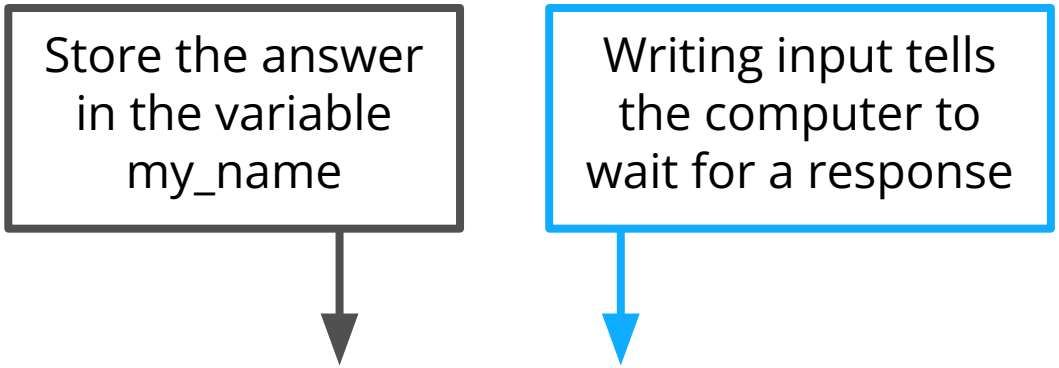


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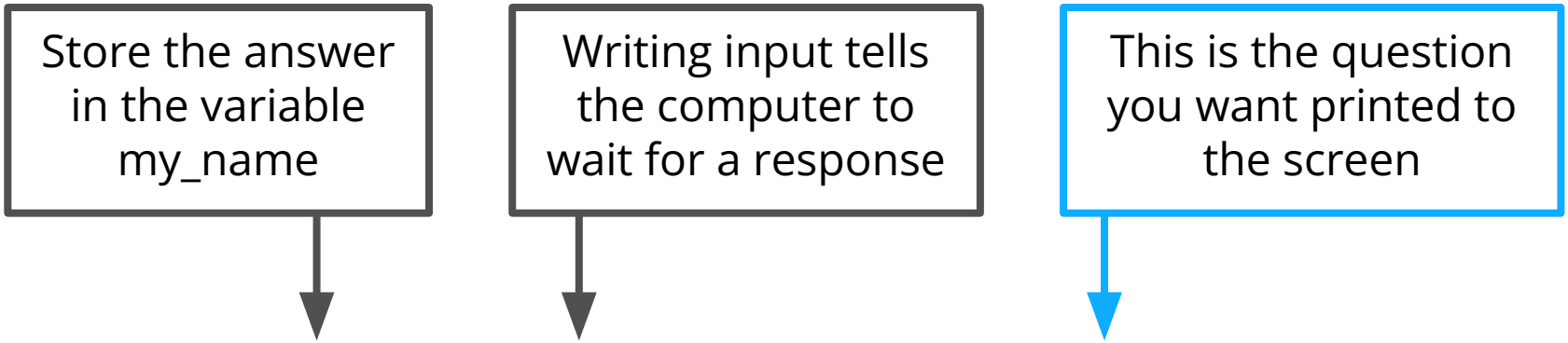


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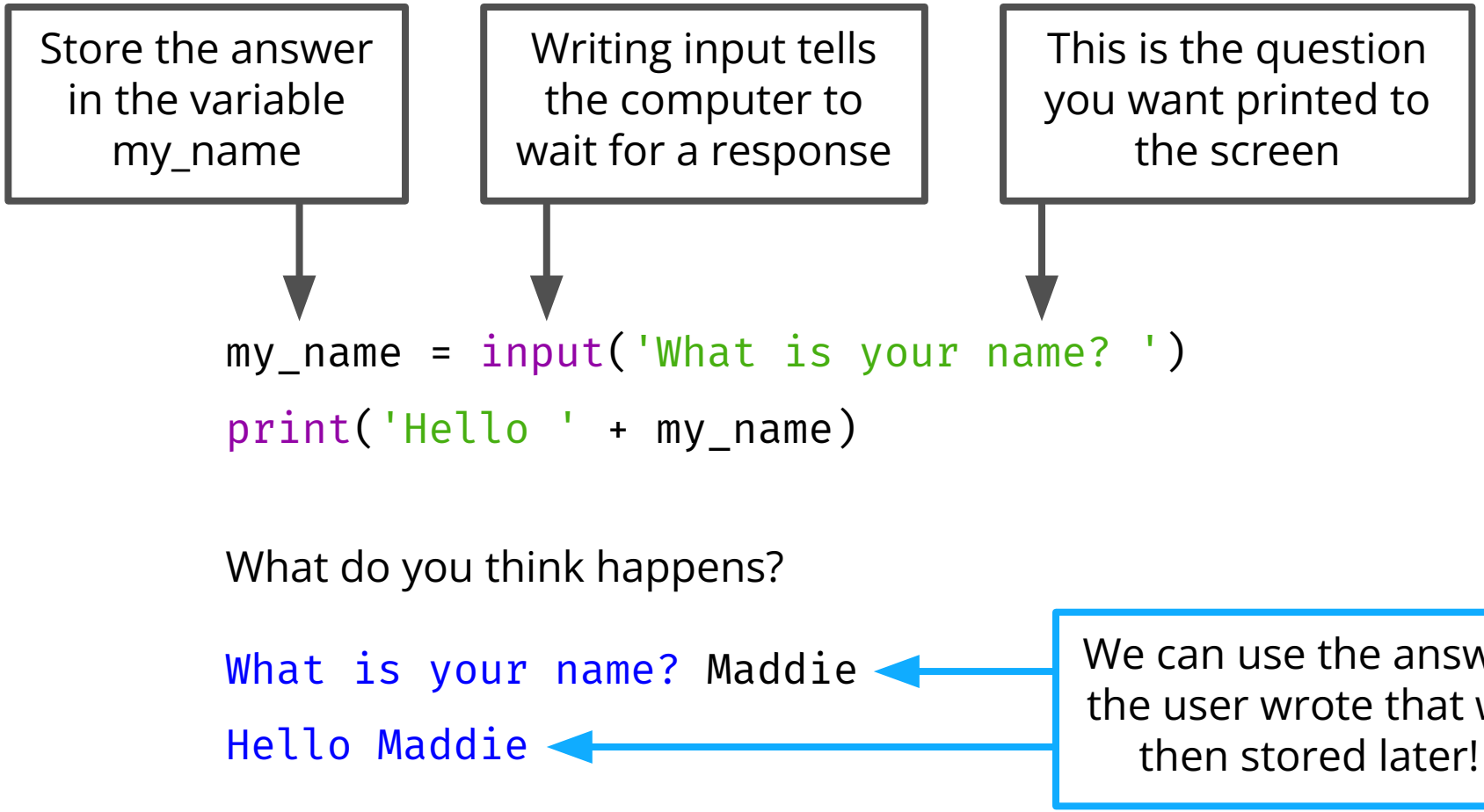

Breaking it down

Big Tip : Put a space at the end of the question so it won't be squished together with your answer - it looks nicer!

```
my_name = input('What is your name? ')
print('Hello ' + my_name)
```

SPACE 🙂

```
What is your name? Maddie
Hello Maddie
```

NO SPACE 😕

```
What is your name?Maddie
Hello Maddie
```

Adding a comment!

Sometimes we want to write things in code that the computer doesn't look at! We use **comments** for that!

Use comments to write a note or explanation of our code

Comments make code easier for humans to understand

```
# This code was written by Sheree
```

We can make code into a comment if we don't want it to run (but don't want to delete it!)

```
# print("Goodbye world!")
```

Project time!

You now know all about printing, variables and input!

Let’s put what we learnt into our project

Try to do Lessons 1 & 2

Don't forget to copy your code when you move to a new Lesson!

The tutors will be around to help!

If Statements and Lists

Conditions!

Conditions let us make decision.

First we test if the condition is met!

Then maybe we'll do the thing

<u>If it's raining</u> take an umbrella

Yep it's raining

..... take an umbrella

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So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's `True`!

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```
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Remember ...

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When testing for equals in your condition

:

At end of each if line to say you have finished writing your condition

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```
>>> GPN is awesom
```

But what if we want something different to happen if the word isn't "GPN"

Else statements

`else` statements means something still happens if the `if` statement was `False`

```
word = "Chocolate"
if word == "GPN":
  print("GPN is awesome!")
else:
  print("The word isn't GPN :(")
```

What happens?

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if word == "GPN":
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```

What happens?

```
>>> The word isn't GPN :(
```

Elif statements

elif
Means we can give specific instructions for other words

```
word = "Chocolate"
if word == "GPN":
  print("GPN is awesome!")
elif word == "Chocolate":
  print("YUMMM Chocolate!")
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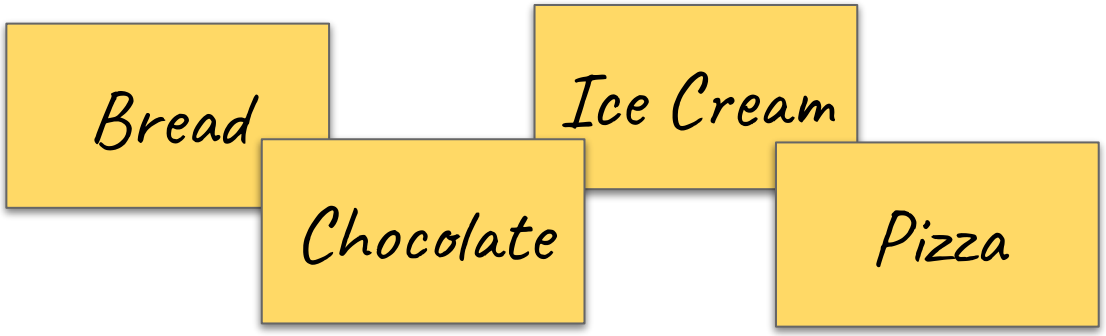
What happens?

```
>>> YUMM Chocolate!
```

Lists

When we go shopping, we write down what we want to buy!

But we don't store it on lots of little pieces of paper!



We put it in one big shopping list!

- Bread
- Chocolate
- Ice Cream
- Pizza

Lists

It would be annoying to store it separately when we code too

```
>>> shopping_item1 = "Bread"
>>> shopping_item2 = "Chocolate"
>>> shopping_item3 = "Ice Cream"
>>> shopping_item4 = "Pizza"
```

So much repetition!

Instead we use a python list!

```
shopping_list = ["Bread", "Chocolate", "Ice Cream", "Pizza"]
```

List anatomy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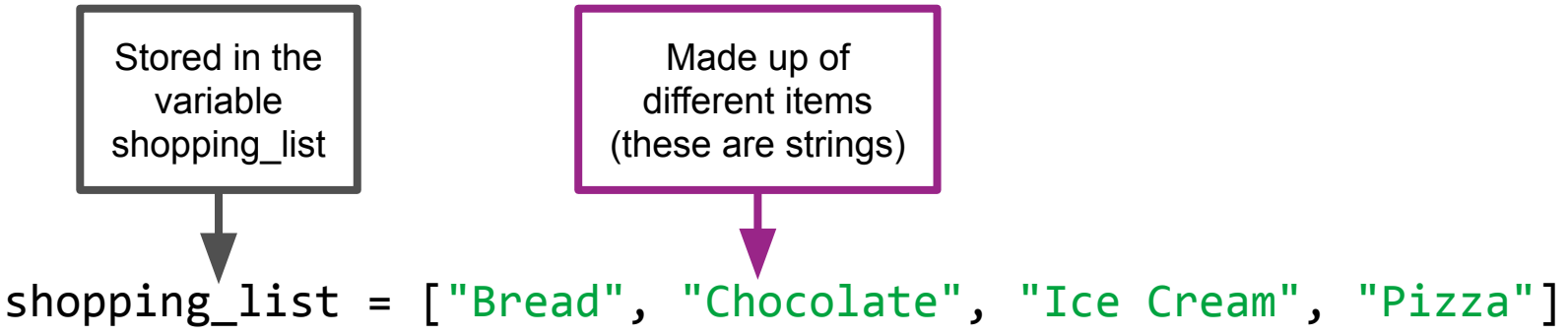

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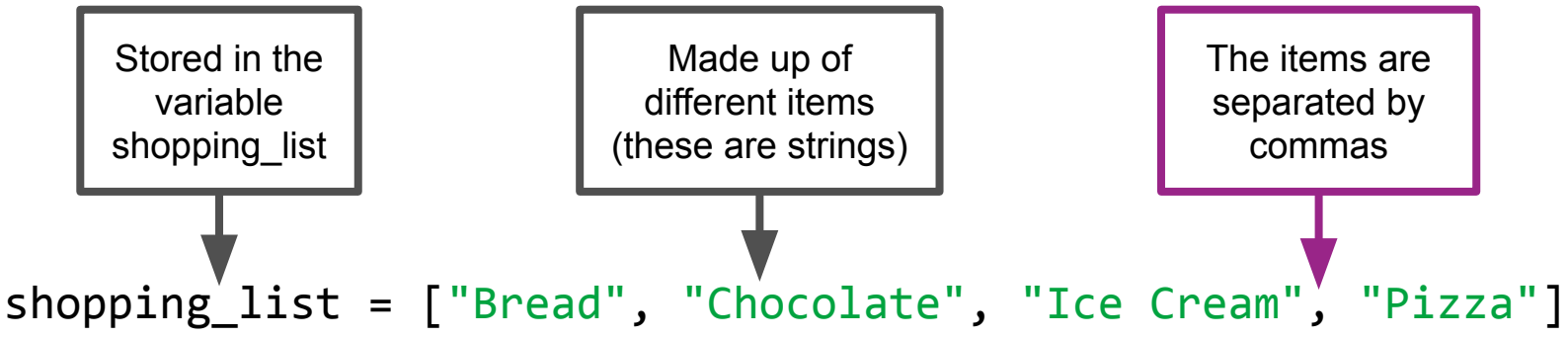

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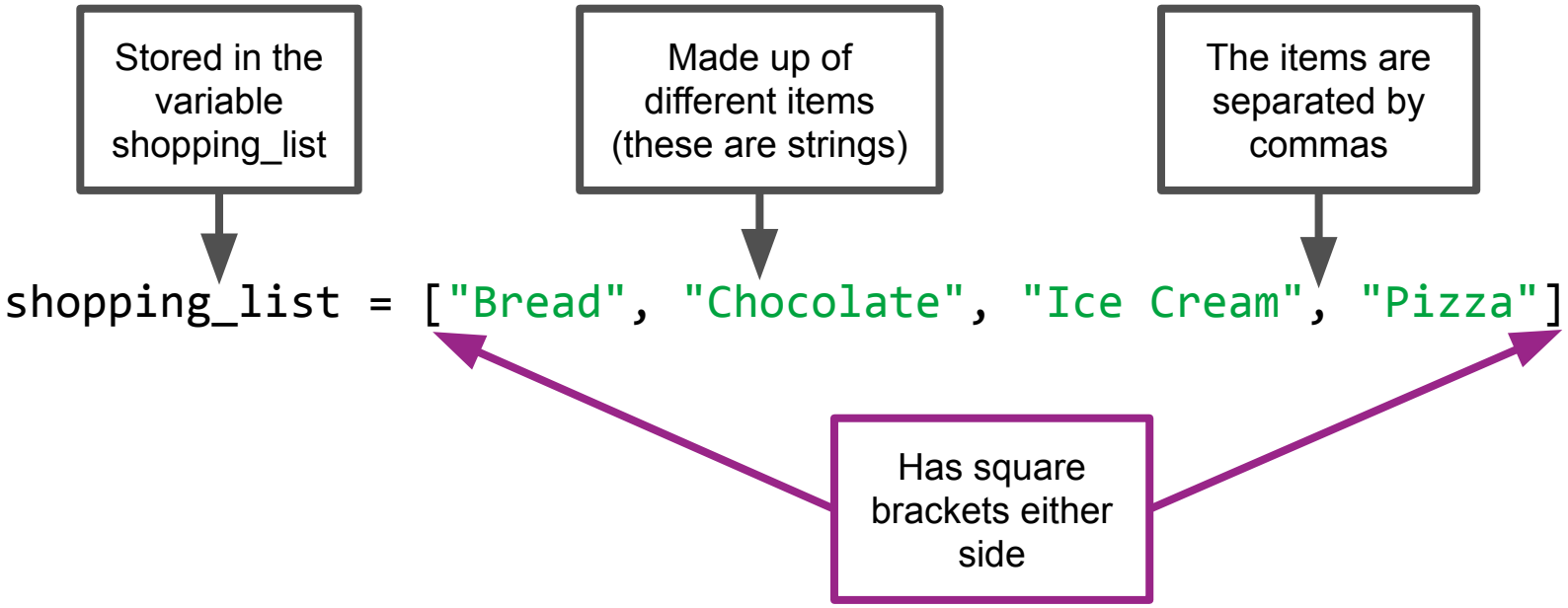

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chocolate!

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```
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fruits[1]
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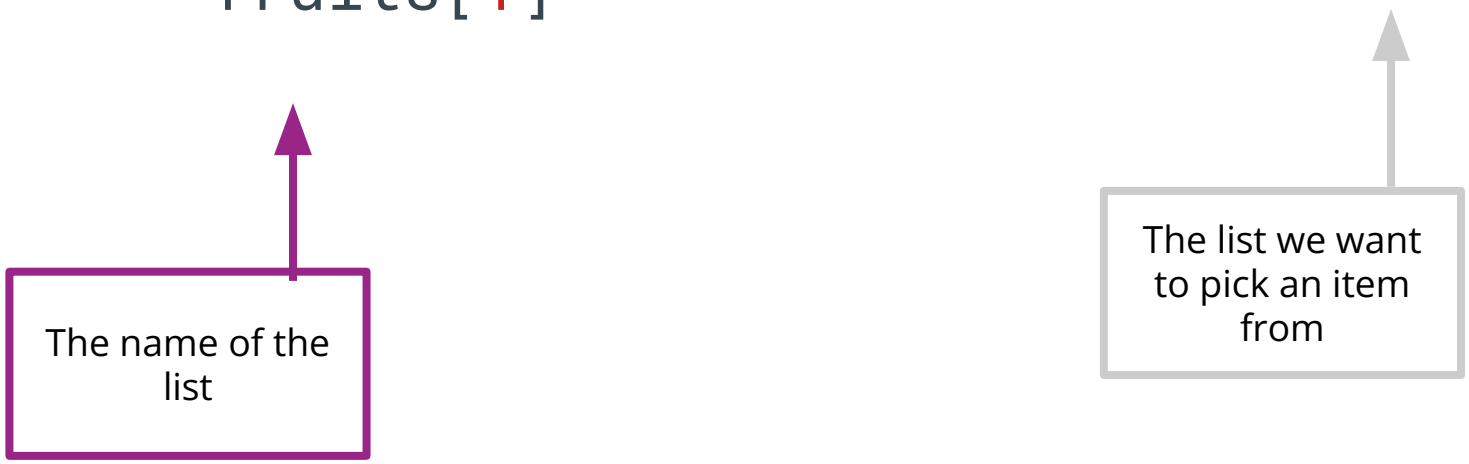

How do I know how long

We use indexes (or the position number) to pick an item in a list

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
fruits[1]
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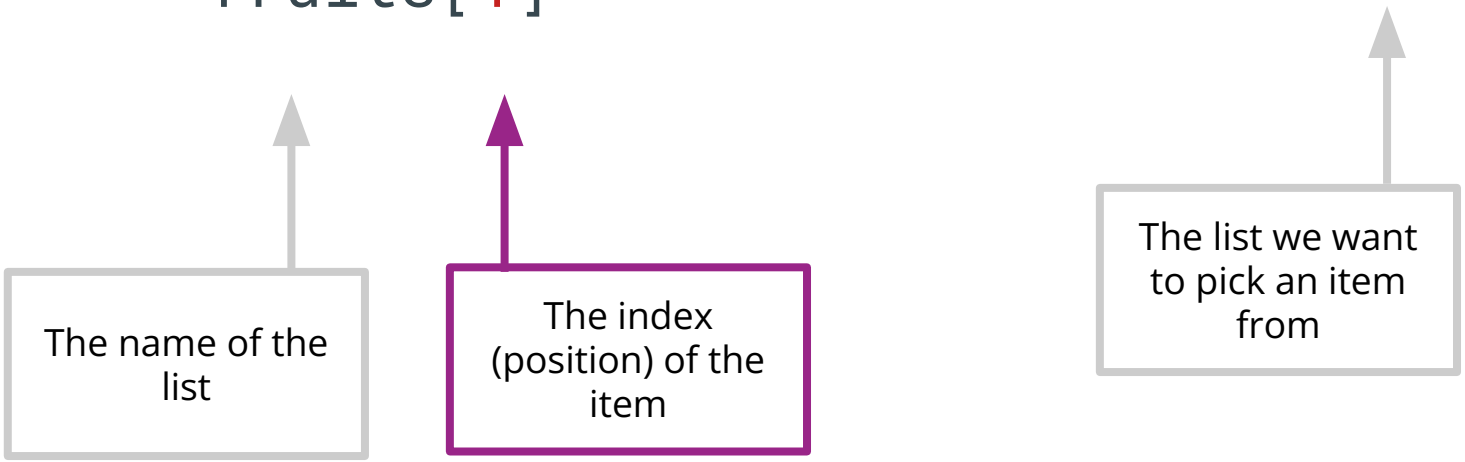

But wait!

When we index, we start counting from 0

```
                0           1           2
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
fruits[1]
```

So we are actually picking the item “banana”

Project Time!

You now know all about **`if`** and **lists**!

See `if` you can do Lesson 3

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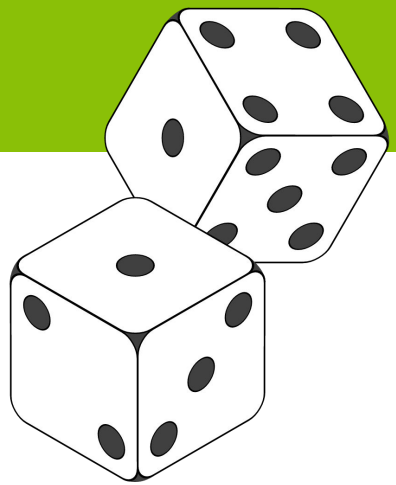
Random!

That's so random!



There's lots of things in life that are up to chance or random!

We want the computer to be random sometimes!

Python lets us **import** common bits of code people use! We're going to use the **random** module!

Using the random module

Let's choose something randomly from a list!

This is like drawing something out of a hat in a raffle!

Try this!

1. **Import the random module!**

```
>>> import random
```

2. **Copy the shopping list into IDLE**

```
>>> shopping_list = ["eggs", "bread", "apples", "milk"]
```

3. **Choose randomly! Try it a few times!**

```
>>> random.choice(shopping_list)
```

Using the random module

You can also assign your random choice to a variable

```
>>> import random
>>> shopping_list = ["eggs", "bread", "apples", "milk"]
>>> random_food = random.choice(shopping_list)
>>> print(random_food)
```

Project Time!

Raaaaaaaaaandom! Can you handle that?

Let’s try use it in our project!

Try to do Lesson 4

The tutors will be around to

For Loops

For Loops

For loops allow you to do something a certain number of times.

We use them when we know exactly how many times we want to do something!

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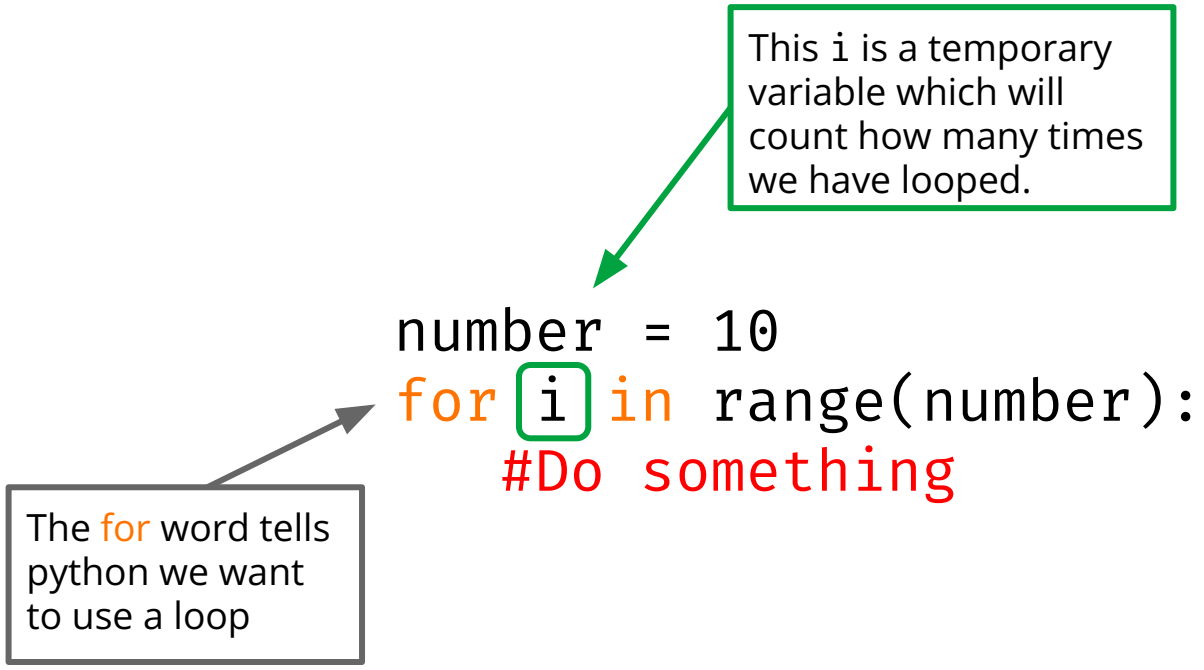
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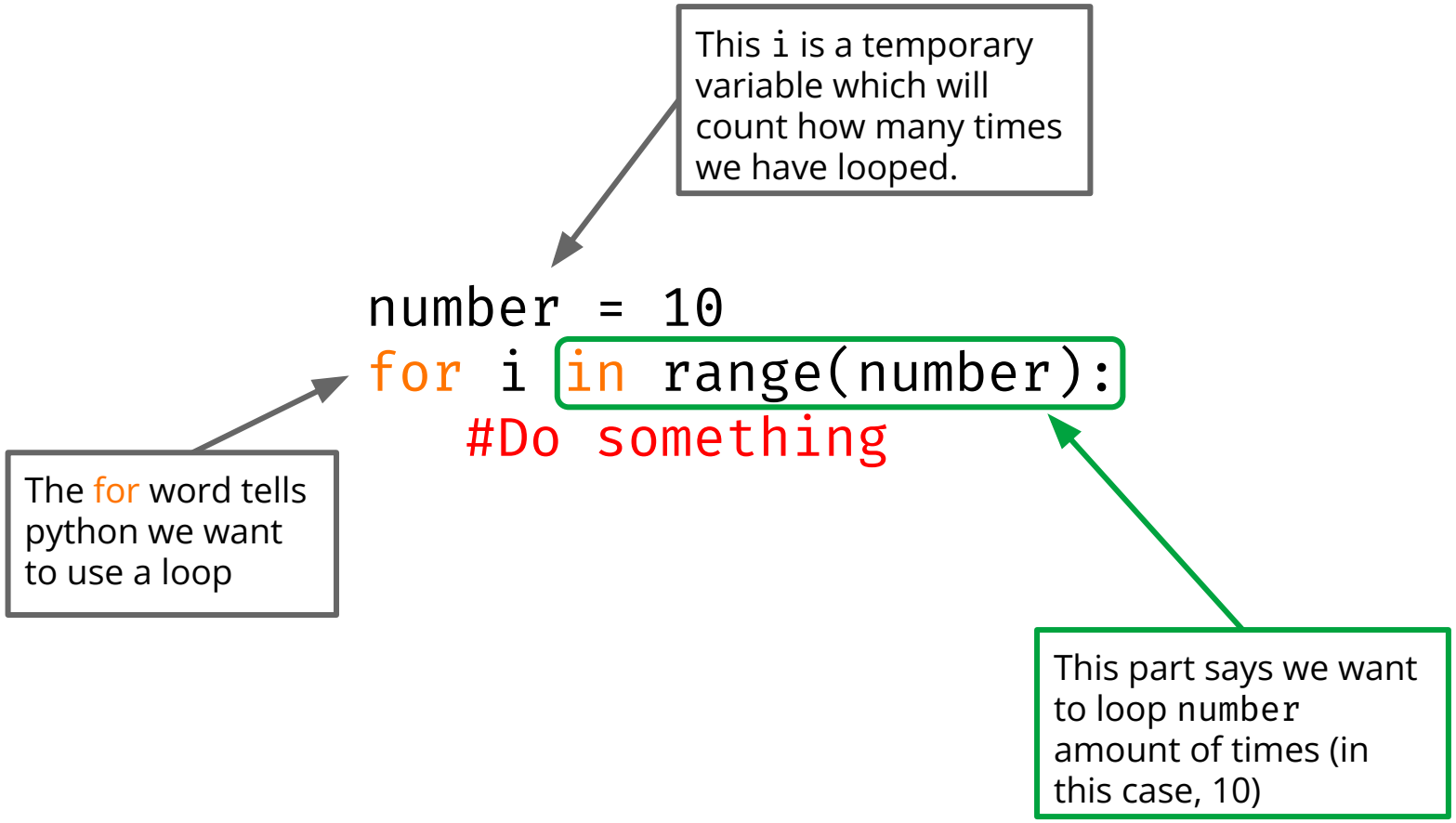
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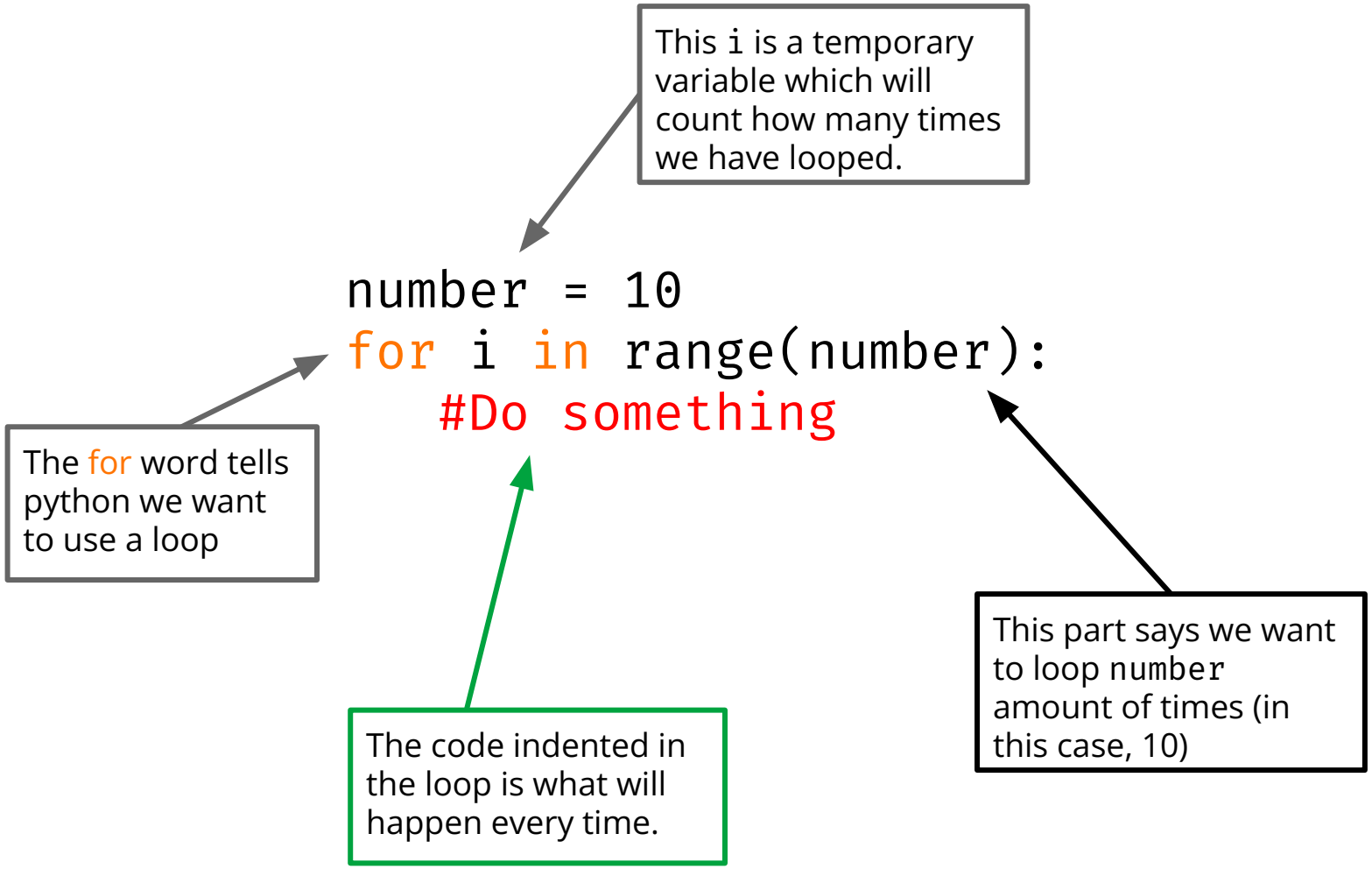
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Looping how many times?

We can loop through a list:

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We do what’s in the for loop as many times as what is in the “range”

Project Time!

Now you know how to use a for loop!

Try to do Lesson 5

...if you are up for it!

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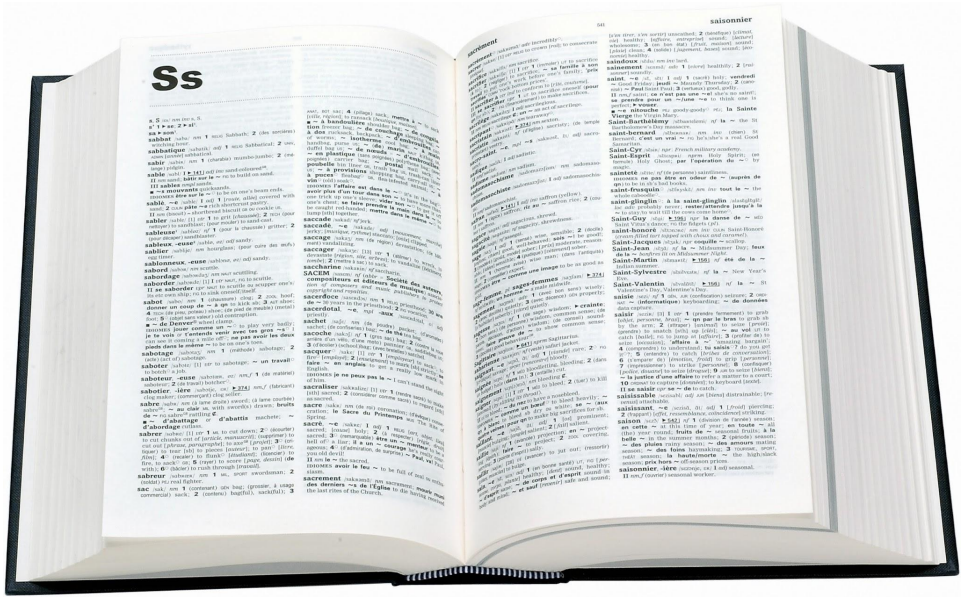
Dictionaries

Dictionaries!



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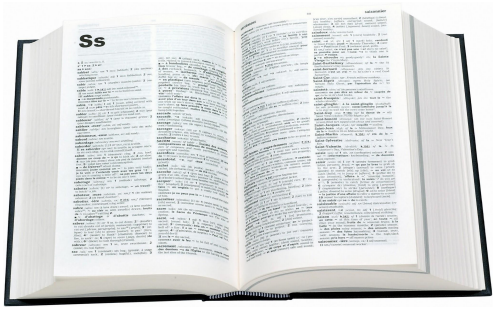
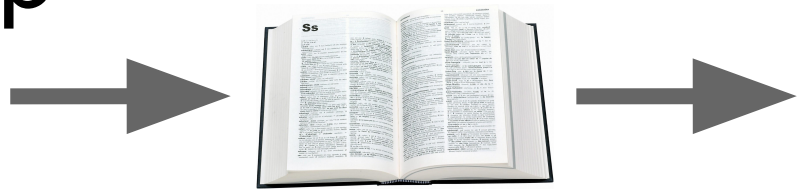


You know dictionaries!

They're great at looking up thing by a word, not a position in a list!

Look up

Hello



Get back

A greeting (salutation) said when meeting someone or acknowledging someone's arrival or presence.

Looking it up!

There are lots of times we want to look something up!

Competition registration

Team Name → List of team members

Phone Book

Name → Phone number

Vending Machine

Treat Name → Price

Looking it up!

Phone Book

Name → Phone number

Key

Value

We can use a dictionary for anything with a <u>key → value</u> pattern!

Dictionaries anatomy!

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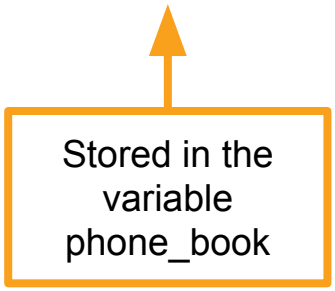

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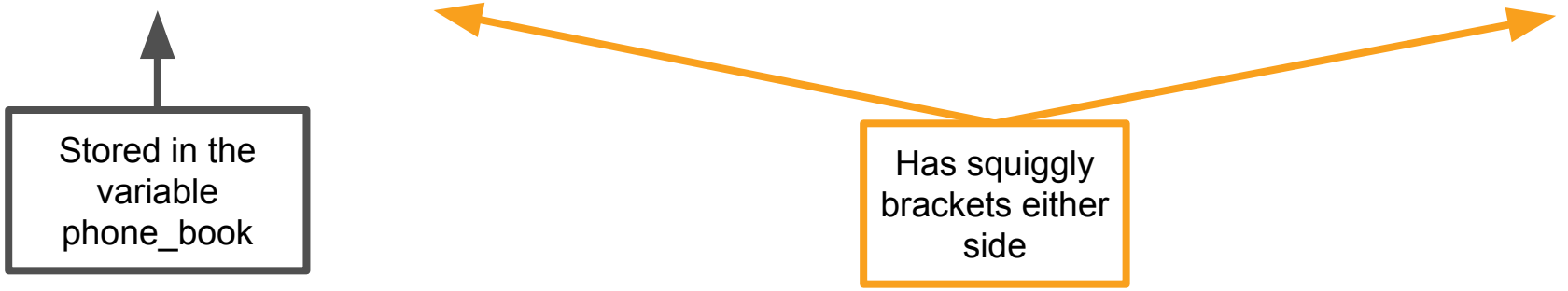

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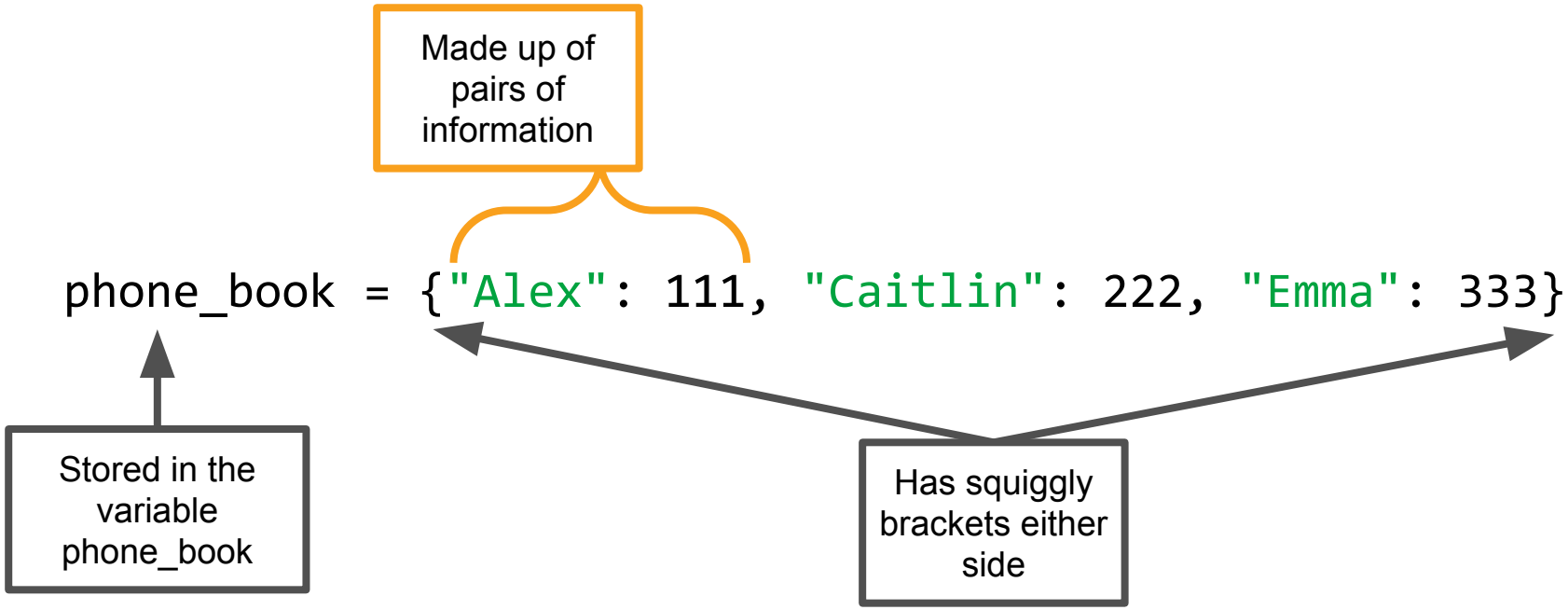

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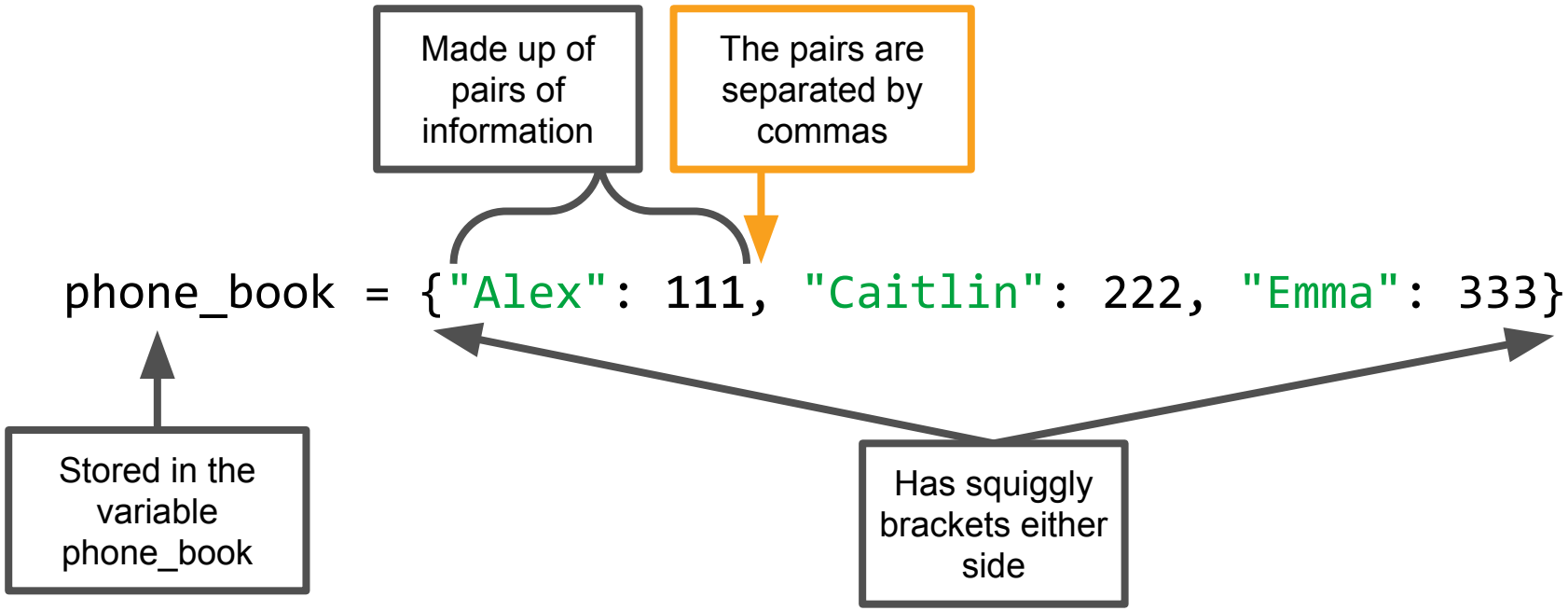

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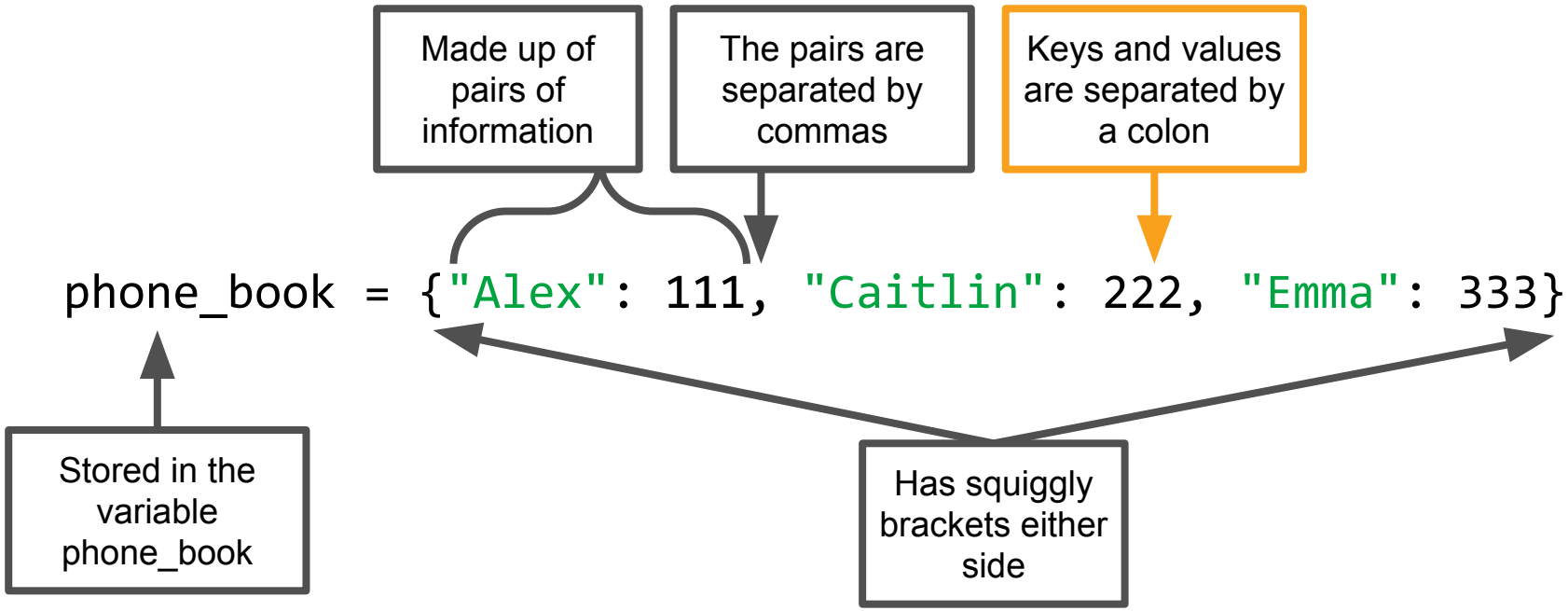

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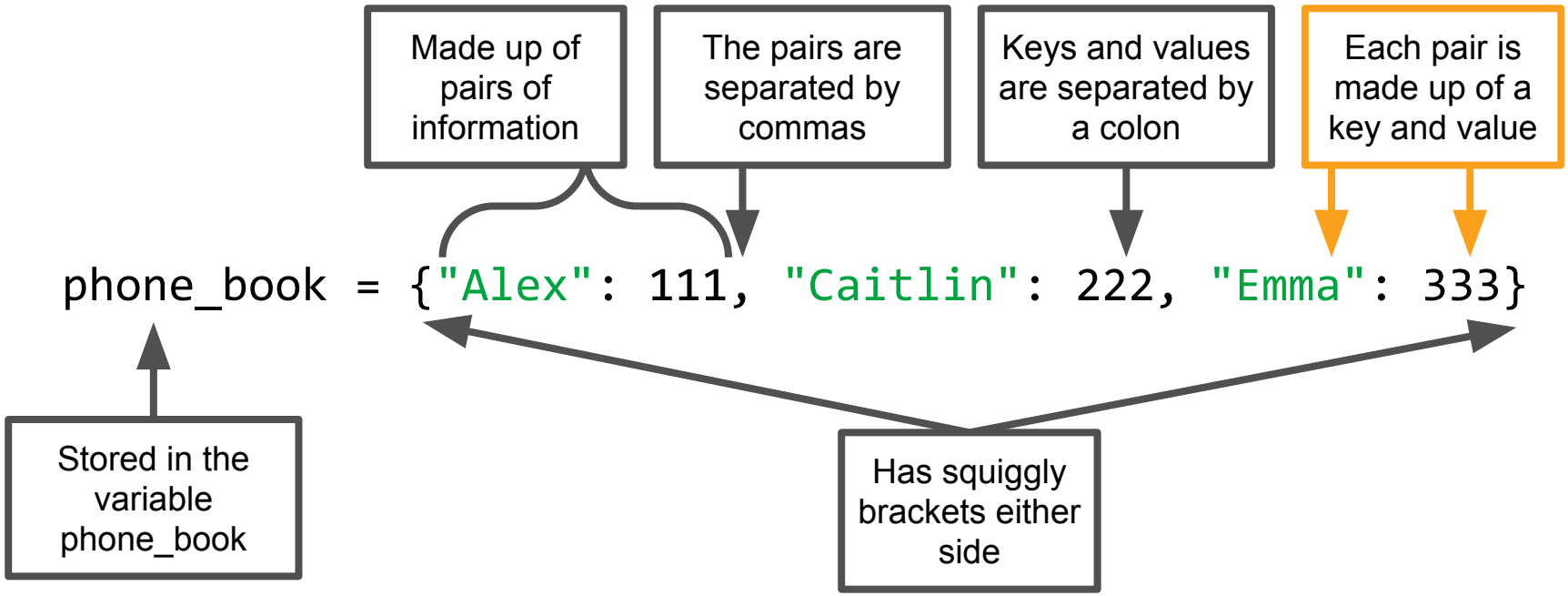

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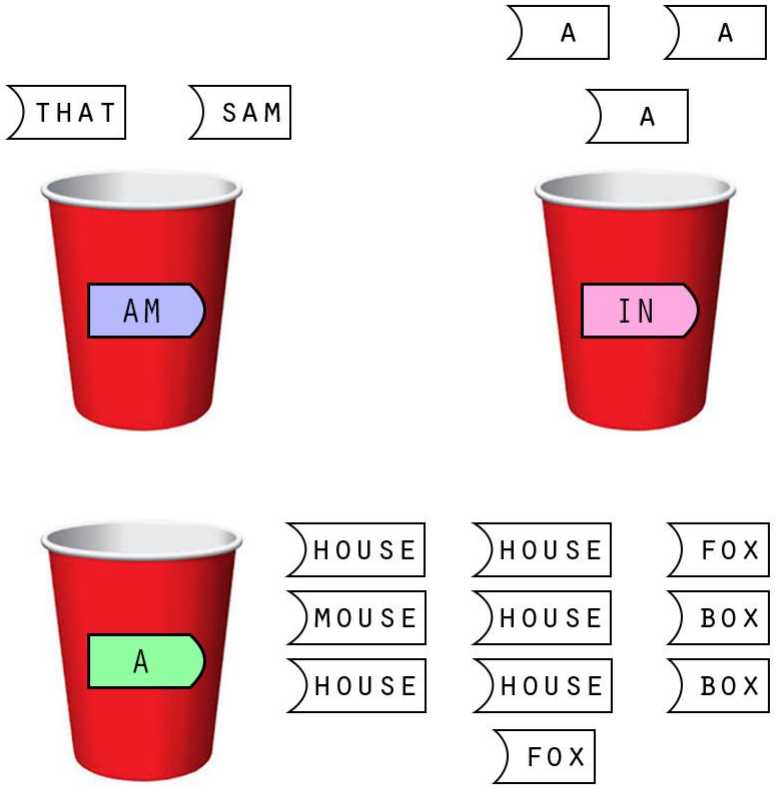
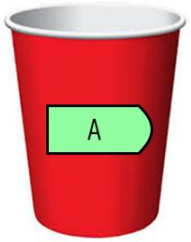
Cups!!

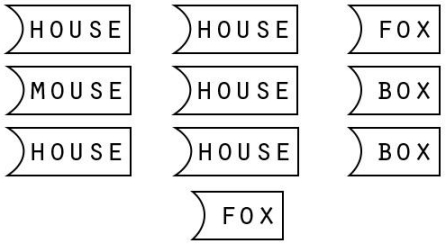
Remember the cups activity from the start of the day?



A Single Cup!

The word "A" **can be followed by** **Any of these words**





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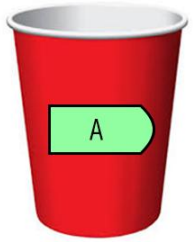

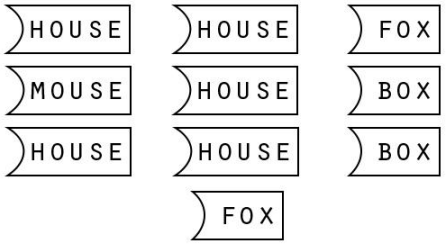

We can store the slips of paper as a python list!

```
['house', 'mouse', 'house',
'mouse', 'box', 'fox', 'box',
'fox', 'house', 'mouse']
```

A Single Cup!

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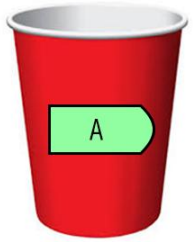
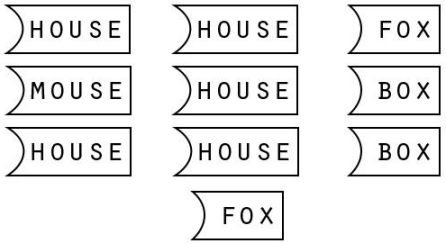




We want to look up the word “a” and get back the list!

```
{'a' : ['house', 'mouse', 'house',
'mouse', 'box', 'fox', 'box',
'fox', 'house', 'mouse']}
```

A Single Cup!

So we get a Dictionary with a List value!

```
{'a' : ['house', 'mouse', 'house',
'mouse', 'box', 'fox', 'box',
'fox', 'house', 'mouse']}
```

Key

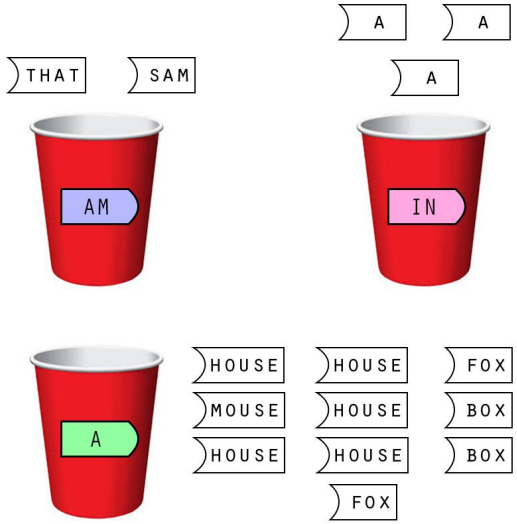
Value

If you look up “A” you get back a list of all the words that can follow “a”

Cups → Dictionary with lists!

Here's what it looks like for a few more cups!

```
cups = {'am': ['Sam', 'That'],
        'In': ['a', 'a', 'a'],
        'a' : ['house', 'mouse',
               'house', 'mouse',
               'box', 'fox', 'box',
               'fox', 'house',
               'Mouse']
       ....}
```



You can get the whole cup dictionary from today's website!

Is it there?

We can check if something is a key in a dictionary like this:

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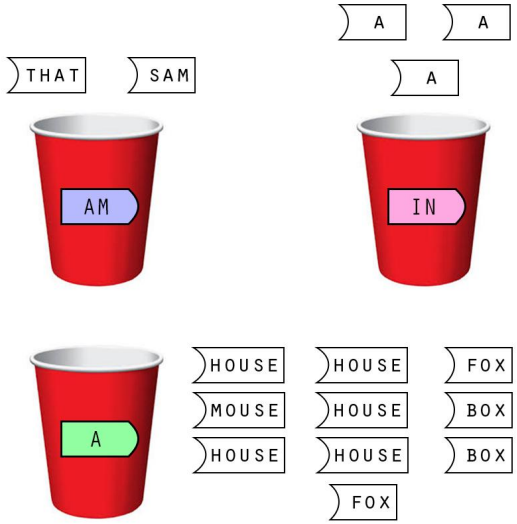


```
if current_word in cups:
```

Project time!

You now know all about lists and dictionaries!

Let’s put what we learnt into our project

Try to do Lesson 6 & 7

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More Dictionaries and Lists!

Getting words from sample text

In order to be able to read in lots of text we need to be able to turn sentences into a list of words.

We can do this by using .split() on our text!

Using split

```
text = “a really cool sentence”

words = text.split()

print(words)
```

What do you think words will be?

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```

Accessing Lists!

This favourites `list` holds four strings in order:

```
faves = ['books', 'butterfly', 'chocolate', 'skateboard']
```

We can count out the items using index numbers!

0

1

2

3

Remember: Indices start from zero!

Accessing Lists

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```
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'books'
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'butterfly'
```

0 **[1]** 2 3

Going Negative

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```
>>> faves[-1]
'skateboard'
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What would `faves[-2]` return?

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```

-4

-3

[-2]

-1

Falling off the edge

Python complains if you try to go past the end of a `list`

```
>>> faves = ['books', 'butterfly', 'chocolate',
             'skateboard']
>>> faves[4]


Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
IndexError: list index out of range
```

Updating our dictionaries!

We've seen how to use dictionaries - but how do we update existing ones? Let's have a look at a phone book example!

```
>>> phone_book = {
        "Alex": 111, "Caitlin": 222, "Emma": 333
    }
```

- We met Rowena! Let's add her to our phone book

```
>>> phone_book["Rowena"] = 444
>>> phone_book
{ "Alex": 123, "Caitlin": 222, "Emma": 333,
"Rowena": 444 }
```

Lists in dictionaries!

We've been using lists as the values of our dictionary like this:

- Let's make some sports teams:

```
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Project Time!

Now you know even more about Dictionaries and Lists!

You can now try 8-11 in the Second part of your workbook!

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Files

Opening files!

To get access to the stuff inside a file in python we need to **open** it!

That doesn't mean clicking on the little icon!

```
f = open("test.txt")
```

You'll now be able to read the things in `f`

If your file is in the same location as your code you can just use the name!

A missing file causes an error

Here we try to open a file that doesn't exist:

```
f = open('missing.txt')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
IOError: [Errno 2] No such file or
directory: 'missing.txt'
```

You can read a whole file into a string

```
>>> f = open('haiku.txt')
>>> my_string = f.read()
```

haiku.txt

```
Wanna go outside.
Oh NO! Help! I got outside!
Let me back inside!
```

```
>>> print(my_stirng)
Wanna go outside.
Oh NO! Help! I got outside!
Let me back inside!
```

You can also read in one line at a time

You can use a for loop to only get 1 line at a time!

```
f = open('haiku.txt')
for line in f:
    print(line)
```

```
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```

Why is there an extra blank line each time?

Chomping off the newline

The newline character is represented by '\n':

```
print('Hello\nWorld')
Hello
World
```

We can remove it from the lines we read with .strip()

```
x = 'abc\n'
x.strip()
'abc'
```

x.strip() is safe as lines without newlines will be unaffected

Reading and stripping!

```
for line in open('haiku.txt'):
    line = line.strip()
    print(line)
```

```
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```

No extra lines!

Using `with`!

This is a special trick for opening files!

```
with open("words.txt") as f:
  for line in f:
    print(line.strip())
```

It automatically closes your file for you!

It's good when you are writing files in python!

Project Time!

Now you can read some stuff

You can now try the third section of your workbook!

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