# 2486. Append Characters to String to Make Subsequence

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You are given two strings s and t consisting of only lowercase English letters.

Return the minimum number of characters that need to be appended to the end of s so that t becomes a **subsequence** of s.

A **subsequence** is a string that can be derived from another string by deleting some or no characters without changing the order of the remaining characters.

#### Example 1:

**Input:** s = "coaching", t = "coding"

Output: 4

**Explanation:** Append the characters "ding" to the end of s so that s = "coachingding".

Now, t is a subsequence of s ("coachingding").

It can be shown that appending any 3 characters to the end of s will never make t a subsequence.

## Example 2:

Input: s = "abcde", t = "a"

Output: 0

Explanation: t is already a subsequence of s ("abcde").

### Example 3:

**Input:** s = "z", t = "abcde"

Output: 5

**Explanation:** Append the characters "abcde" to the end of s so that s = "zabcde".

Now, t is a subsequence of s ("zabcde").

It can be shown that appending any 4 characters to the end of s will never make t a subsequence.

# **Constraints:**

- 1 <= s.length, t.length <= 10<sup>5</sup>
- s and t consist only of lowercase English letters.

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