



Dictionary Methods



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clear()

The "clear()" method removes all items from the dictionary.



```
1 my_dict = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
2 my_dict.clear()
3
4 print(my_dict)
5 # Output: {}
```

copy()

The "copy()" method returns a shallow copy of the dictionary.

NB: changes to the copy of the dictionary do not affect the original dictionary.



```
1 my_dict = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
2 new_dict = my_dict.copy()
3
4 new_dict['age'] = 30
5
6 print(my_dict)
7 # Output: {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
8
9 print(new_dict)
10 # Output: {'name': 'John', 'age': 30, 'city': 'New York'}
```

get()

The "get()" method returns the value of the specified key. If the key is not present in the dictionary, it will return "None" or a default value specified as the second argument of the method.



```
1 my_dict = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
2
3 age = my_dict.get('age')
4 print(age) # Output: 25
5
6 # trying to get a value for a key that does not exist
7 occupation = my_dict.get('occupation')
8 print(occupation) # Output: None
9
10 # setting a default value if the key does not exist
11 occupation = my_dict.get('occupation', 'unemployed')
12 print(occupation) # Output: 'unemployed'
```

items()

The "items()" method returns a list of key-value pairs in the dictionary.



```
1 my_dict = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
2 items = my_dict.items()
3
4 print(items)
5 # Output: dict_items([('name', 'John'), ('age', 25), ('city', 'New York')])
```

keys()

The "keys()" method returns a list of keys in the dictionary.



```
1 my_dict = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
2 keys = my_dict.keys()
3
4 print(keys)
5 # Output: dict_keys(['name', 'age', 'city'])
```

values()

The "values()" method Returns a list of values in the dictionary.

```
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1 my_dict = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}  
2  
3 values = my_dict.values()  
4  
5 print(values)  
6 # Output: dict_values(['John', 25, 'New York'])
```

pop()

The "pop()" method removes and returns the value of the specified key. If the key does not exist, it raises a `KeyError`.

To avoid this, you can pass a default value to be returned if the key is not found.



```
1 my_dict = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
2 age = my_dict.pop('age')
3
4 print(age) # Output: 25
5 print(my_dict) # Output: {'name': 'John', 'city': 'New York'}
6
7 country = my_dict.pop('country')
8 print(country) # Output: KeyError: 'country'
9
10 country = my_dict.pop('country', 'USA')
11 print(country) # Output: USA
```

popitem()

The "popitem()" method removes and returns the last inserted key-value pair in the dictionary. If the dictionary is empty, it raises a KeyError.



```
1 my_dict = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
2
3 # Before popitem()
4 print(my_dict)
5 # Output: {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
6
7 # Removing and returning the last inserted key-value pair
8 popped_item = my_dict.popitem()
9 print(popped_item)
10 # Output: ('city', 'New York')
11
12 # After popitem()
13 print(my_dict)
14 # Output: {'name': 'John', 'age': 25}
```

setdefault()

The "setdefault()" method returns the value of the specified key.

If the key does not exist, it inserts the key with the specified default value.



```
1 my_dict = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
2
3 country = my_dict.setdefault('country', 'USA')
4
5 print(country)
6 # Output: USA
7
8 print(my_dict)
9 # Output: {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York', 'country': 'USA'}
```

update()

The "update()" method updates the dictionary with the specified key-value pairs.



```
1 my_dict = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'city': 'New York'}
2
3 my_dict.update({'age': 30, 'country': 'USA'})
4
5 print(my_dict)
6 # Output: {'name': 'John', 'age': 30, 'city': 'New York', 'country': 'USA'}
```