1. What does an empty dictionary's code look like?

To create an empty dictionary we should type: d = dict() or d = {}

2. What is the value of a dictionary value with the key 'foo' and the value 42?

To create a dictionary with key value 'foo' and corresponding value 42 we should type: d{'foo':42}

3. What is the most significant distinction between a dictionary and a list?

A dictionary is a mutable key-value structure which does not allow duplicates. It is defined by using curly brackets .

A list is a mutable object which allows duplicates. It is defined by using square brackets.

4. What happens if you try to access spam['foo'] if spam is {'bar': 100}?

It will be raised a Keyerror.

5. If a dictionary is stored in spam, what is the difference between the expressions 'cat' in spam and 'cat' in spam.keys()?

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If spam is a dictionary, let's say: spam = {'cat':'egory'}, in both cases whether I type either: 'cat' in spam.keys() or 'cat' in spam, it returns True, since they check whether 'cat' exists as a key of spam.

6. If a dictionary is stored in spam, what is the difference between the expressions 'cat' in spam and 'cat' in spam.values()?

Using the above example, the first line of code checks whether 'cat' exists as a key, the second checks whether 'cat' exists as a value.

7. What is a shortcut for the following code?

if 'color' not in spam:

spam['color'] = 'black'

spam.setdefault('color','black')

8. How do you "pretty print" dictionary values using which module and function?

Pretty print is a module used to make complex structures, such as nested lists or dictionaries, more readable. We can use pprint after importing pprint:

import pprint

pprint.pprint(dictionary)