

Solutions for Assignment Unit 2

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package SimpleRandomSentences_solution.java;
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Some rules that capture the syntax of this verse:

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<sentence> ::= <simple_sentence> [ <conjunction> <sentence> ]
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```
<simple_sentence> ::= <noun_phrase> <verb_phrase>
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<noun_phrase> ::= <proper_noun> |
                  <determiner> [ <adjective> ]. <common_noun> [ who <verb_phrase> ]
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<verb_phrase> ::= <intransitive_verb> |
                  <transitive_verb> <noun_phrase> |
                  is <adjective> |
                  believes that <simple_sentence>
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<conjunction> ::= and | or | but | because
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<proper_noun> ::= Fred | Jane | Richard Nixon | Miss America
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<common_noun> ::= man | woman | fish | elephant | unicorn
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<determiner> ::= a | the | every | some
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<adjective> ::= big | tiny | pretty | bald
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```
<intransitive_verb> ::= runs | jumps | talks | sleeps
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<transitive_verb> ::= loves | hates | sees | knows | looks for | finds
```

This program implements these rules to generate random sentences. All the verses of the rhyme can be generated, plus a lot of sentences that make no sense (but still follow the syntax). Note that an optional item like [<modifier>] has a chance of being used, depending on the value of some randomly generated number.

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The program generates and outputs one random sentence every three seconds until it is halted (for example, by typing Control-C in the terminal window where it is running).

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public class SimpleRandomSentences {
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    static final String[] conjunction = { "and", "or", "but", "because"};
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    static final String[] proper_noun = { "Fred", "Jane", "Richard Nixon", "Miss America"};
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```
    static final String[] common_noun = { "man", "woman", "fish", "elephant", "unicorn"};
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    static final String[] determiner = { "a", "the", "every", "some"};
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    static final String[] adjective = { "big", "tiny", "pretty", "bald"};
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static final String[] intransitive_verb = { "runs", "jumps", "talks", "sleeps"};

static final String[] transitive_verb = { "loves", "hates", "sees", "knows", "looks for", "finds"};

public static void main(String[] args) {
    while (true) {
        randomSentence();
        System.out.println(".\n\n");
        try {
            Thread.sleep(3000);
        }
        catch (InterruptedException e) {
        }
    }
}

static void randomSentence() {
    randomNounPhrase();
    randomVerbPhrase();
    if (Math.random() > 0.75) {
        System.out.print(" " + randomItem(conjunction));
        randomSentence();
    }
}

static void randomNounPhrase() {

    if (Math.random() > 0.75)
        System.out.print(" " + randomItem(proper_noun));
    else
    {
        System.out.print(" " + randomItem(determiner));
        if (Math.random() > 0.5)
            System.out.print(" " + randomItem(adjective)+".");
        System.out.print(" " + randomItem(common_noun));
        if (Math.random() > 0.5){
            System.out.print(" who" );
            randomVerbPhrase();
        }
    }
}

static void randomVerbPhrase() {

    if (Math.random() > 0.75)
        System.out.print(" " + randomItem(intransitive_verb));
    else if (Math.random() > 0.50) {
        System.out.print(" " + randomItem(transitive_verb));
        randomNounPhrase();
    }
    else if (Math.random() > 0.25)
        System.out.print(" is " + randomItem(adjective));
    else {
        System.out.print(" believes that");
        randomNounPhrase();
        randomVerbPhrase();
    }
}

static String randomItem(String[] listOfStrings){
    return listOfStrings[(int)(Math.random()*listOfStrings.length)];
}

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