## **Evens First**

A *queue* is an abstract data type (ADT) that you see a lot in real life – lines of cars at stoplights, people waiting in line at the bank, documents waiting to be printed – they all follow this "first in, first out" (FIFO) sequence. In a queue, addition only happens at the "rear", and removal only occurs at the "front". Solve the problems below to learn more about queues.

- 1. Create a class **EvensFirstRunner.java** with a main method and a class **EvensFirst.java** that will define the method below.
- 2. In Java, <u>Queue</u> is an interface, a description of how something that *is-a* queue should behave <u>Queue</u> can NOT be instantiated (unlike the <u>java.util.Stack</u> type, which is concrete).
  - a. Use the <u>java.util.LinkedList</u> class to instantiate a "queue object"; this class implements <u>Queue</u> (it will behave like a queue when queue methods are utilized).
  - b. Queue methods are as follows:

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i. peek() Returns (but does not remove) the value at the head of the queueii. poll() Removes ("dequeues") and returns the element at the head of the queueiii. offer() Adds ("enqueues") an element to the queue (at the tail of the queue)
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There are other methods you can use to achieve similar results, but it's best to use a queue with queue-specific methods to avoid confusion.

3. Complete the method <code>Queue<Integer> putEvensFirst(Queue<Integer> nums)</code> that will move the even numbers to the front of the queue. You may use additional queues, but no for-each loops (Iterators).

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(3, 5, 4, 17, 6, 83, 1, 84, 16, 37) >>> head(4, 6, 84, 16, 3, 5, 17, 83, 1, 37) tail
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