# 261.https://stackoverflow.com/questions/71947495/why-is-my-string-showing-me-this-error-expected-pragma-import-directive-or-con

**T:**Why is my string showing me this error "Expected pragma, import directive or contract/interface/library/struct/enum definition."?

**Q:**pragma solidity ^0.6.0;  
  
import "./ERC721.sol";  
  
string constant name = "MyToken";  
  
string constant symbol = "MTKN";  
  
contract Mytoken is ERC721(name, symbol) {  
  
}  
  
the error is "Expected pragma, import directive or contract/interface/library/struct/enum definition."

**C1:**Please edit the question to limit it to a specific problem with enough detail to identify an adequate answer.

1 **Answer**

**A1:**When you declare a variables in Solidity, you must to do into a contract. Change your smart contract with this:  
  
pragma solidity ^0.6.0;import "./ERC721.sol";contract Mytoken is ERC721 { string constant name = "MyToken"; string constant symbol = "MTKN"; constructor() ERC721(name, symbol) { }}  
  
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