

The airspeed of an unladen European swallow is [11 meters per second](#) There are 1609.34 meters in a mile, and 3600 seconds in an hour. Write a short line of code that calculates the airspeed of an unladen European swallow in miles per hour. Hint: if you get 5 mph, check your logic!

okay, you can also write it in a more general way by leaving your air-speed input unchanged and writing below that:  

$$\text{air-speed} = \text{air-speed} * 3600 / 1609.34$$

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In [2]: air_speed = 24.606 #miles per hour; input unchanged and writing below that:

#there are a few ways to print out a number in Python - let's see some of them
print("The air speed of an unladen European swallow is {} mph".format(air_speed)) #format puts the arguments in place of the {}
print("The air speed of an unladen {0} swallow is {1} mph".format("European", air_speed)) #format puts the arguments in, {0} means first argument, {1} is the second, etc.
print(f'The air speed of an unladed European swallow is {air_speed} mph') # here's another way to do formatting
#you can use :.xf to specify x digits after the decimal place
print(f'The air speed of an unladed European swallow is {air_speed:.0f} mph')
print(f'The air speed of an unladed European swallow is {air_speed:.1f} mph')
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The air speed of an unladen European swallow is 24.606 mph
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The air speed of an unladed European swallow is 25 mph
The air speed of an unladed European swallow is 24.6 mph
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## Congrats, programmer!

We'll be writing substantially more complicated and interesting programs in this course, but you should pat yourself on the back for reaching your first programming milestone: writing your version of the famous ["Hello, world!" program](#) that has helped introduce nearly every modern programmer to the world of coding.

## Getting help

To learn more about any Python command or function, you can type `?<function name>` into a code cell (replacing "`<function name>`" with the actual function name, e.g. `print`) and press shift + return to execute it. Try getting help using this approach for the following functions: `print`, `input`, and `open`. Click the x to close the help documentation once you're done scrolling through it. If you're already familiar with reading [API documentation](#), you may notice some interesting features of these functions. For example, together `print`, `input`, and `open` constitute a basic but powerful set of functions that allow you to read and write to files-- including remotely (e.g., web pages)! And don't worry if the documentation seems inscrutable right now. As you learn more about Python programming you'll start to build up a sense of the contexts in which different parts of the documentation apply, and you'll also build up a vocabulary that will allow you to communicate (e.g., by reading and writing documentation asking questions, etc.) with other programmers. Try running (and tweaking) the following commands to get a sense of how the built-in help functions work:

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>> ?print
>> help(print)
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In [ ]: ?print #note that the help box opens on the right ---->
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