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use AdventureWorks2014
go
--1. using like to pick out certain records
select firstname from Person Person
where lower(FirstName) like ' a'
group by firstname
--2. '%sar': anything before "sar"
--3. 'sar%': begin with sar, and end with anything
--4. '%pe%': search for pe inside the first name
--5. 'a%': find names where a is the second letter
-- followed by anything
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