

# 383. Ransom Note

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Given two strings `ransomNote` and `magazine`, return `true` if `ransomNote` can be constructed by using the letters from `magazine` and `false` otherwise.

Each letter in `magazine` can only be used once in `ransomNote`.

## Example 1:

Input: `ransomNote = "a", magazine = "b"`

Output: `false`

## Example 2:

Input: `ransomNote = "aa", magazine = "ab"`

Output: `false`

## Example 3:

Input: `ransomNote = "aa", magazine = "aab"`

Output: `true`

```
class Solution {
    func canConstruct(_ ransomNote: String, _ magazine: String) ->
Bool {
        if(ransomNote.count > magazine.count) {
            return false
        }

        var hash:[Character:Int] = [:]

        for i in Array(magazine) {
            hash[i,default:0]+=1
        }

        for j in Array(ransomNote) {
```

```
        if let v = hash[j] {
            if v == 1 {
                hash.removeValue(forKey: j)
            } else {
                hash[j] = v - 1
            }
        } else {
            return false
        }
    }

    return true
}
}
```