

Closest Strings

Difficulty: **Easy**Accuracy: **27.12%**Submissions: **41K+**Points: **2**

Given a list of words followed by two words, the task to find the minimum distance between the given two words in the list of words

Example 1:

Input:

```
S = { "the", "quick", "brown", "fox",  
      "quick" }
```

```
word1 = "the"
```

```
word2 = "fox"
```

Output: 3

Explanation: Minimum distance between the words "the" and "fox" is 3

Example 2:

Input:

```
S = { "geeks", "for", "geeks", "contribute",  
      "practice" }
```

```
word1 = "geeks"
```

```
word2 = "practice"
```

Output: 2

Explanation: Minimum distance between the words "geeks" and "practice" is 2

Your Task:

You don't need to read input or print anything. Your task is to complete the function

`shortestDistance()` which list of words, two strings as inputs and returns the minimum distance between two words

Expected Time Complexity: $O(N * |S|)$

Expected Auxiliary Space: $O(1)$

Constraints:

Sum of lengths of words $\leq 10^5$

Note: word1 and word2 are both in the list.