

Dictionaries:

- A Python dictionary is written as a sequence of key/value pairs separated by commas. These pairs are called entries.
- The entire sequence of entries is enclosed in curly braces { and }, A colon (:) separates a key and its value.

Examples

phonebook: { "udaya": "9791113940", "Gowtham": "9003273969" }

personal - information: { "Name": "Kamesh", "Age": 20 }

Adding keys and Replacing Values

- Add a new key/value pair to a dictionary by using the subscript operator [] $\langle \text{a dictionary} \rangle [\langle \text{a keys} \rangle] = \langle \text{a value} \rangle$
- To create a new empty dictionary and add two new entries

```
info = {}  
info["name"] = "Sandy"  
info["occupation"] = "Manager"  
info
```

The subscript is also used to replace a value of an existing key.

```
info["occupation"] = "Developer"  
info
```

```
{ 'name': 'Sandy', 'occupation': 'Developer' }
```

Accessing Values

- The subscript operator [] is used to obtain a value associated with a key.

- However, if the key is not present in the dictionary, Python raises an exception.

```
info["name"]
'Sandy'
```

```
info["job"]
```

```
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KeyError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-6-fbe3dde50412> in <module>()
----> 1 info["job"]

KeyError: 'job'
```

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Removing Keys

- To delete an entry from a dictionary, one removes its key using the method `pop`.
- This method expects a key and an optional default value as arguments.
- If the key is in the dictionary, it is removed, and its associated value is returned. Otherwise, the default value is returned.

```
[1] print(info.pop("job", None))
None
print(info.pop("occupation"))
Developer
```

Traversing a Dictionary

- When a for loop is used with a dictionary, the loop's variable is bound to each key in an unspecified order.
- The code segment prints all of the keys and their values.

```
ⓐ for key in info:
    print(key, info[key])
```

⇒ name Sandy

```
ⓑ grades = {90: 'A', 80: 'B', 70: 'C'}
list(grades.items())
```

```
[(90, 'A'), (80, 'B'), (70, 'C')]
```


① for (key, value) in grades.items():
 print (key, value)

90 A

80 B

70 C

Dictionary Operations

Operator or Function	What it does
len(d)	Returns the number of entries in d.
d[key]	Used for inserting a new key, replacing a value or obtaining a value at an existing key.
d.clear	Removes all the keys
list(d.keys())	Returns a list of the keys
list(d.values())	Returns a list of the values.
list(d.items())	Returns a list of tuples containing the keys and values for each entry
For key in d:	key is bound to each key in d in an unspecified order.

```
this dict = {
    "name": "Rakesh",
    "Native": "Chennai",
    "year": 2001
}
```

```
#thisdict
print("\n1. print the dictionary:\n", thisdict)
#len()
print("\n2. return the number of entries in thisdict:", len(thisdict))
#keys()
print("\n3. Return the list of the keys", thisdict.keys())
#values()
print("\n4. Return the list of the value", thisdict.values())
#items
print("\n5. Return the list of the tuples containing keys and values",
      thisdict.items())
#copy()
print("\n6. Returns the a copy of the dictionary", thisdict.copy())
#pop()
print("\n7. Removes the element with the specified key:", thisdict.pop(
    "year"))
#get()
print("\n8. Removes the element with the specified key:", thisdict.get(
    "name"))
#setdefault
print("\n9. Returns the value of the specified key:", thisdict.setdefault(
    "name"))
#popitem
print("\n10. The removed item is the return value of the
      popitem() method, as a tuple:", thisdict.popitem())
#update
thisdict.update({"color": "Black"})
print("\n11.", thisdict)
#clear
print("\n12. Remove all keys", thisdict.clear())
```