

1 Dictionary in Python

Definition

A **dictionary** is a built-in data type in Python used to store **data in key-value pairs**.

Each key is unique and maps to a value.

Dictionaries are **unordered, mutable (changeable)**, and **don't allow duplicate keys**.

Example:

```
student = {  
    "name": "Saumya Singh",  
    "age": 25,  
    "city": "Sultanpur"  
}
```

Here:

- "name", "age", "city" → **keys**
- "Saumya Singh", 25, "Delhi" → **values**

Accessing Values

You can access a value using its key:

```
print(student["name"])      # Saumya Singh  
print(student["city"])      # Delhi
```

Adding or Updating Values

You can add new key-value pairs or modify existing ones:

```
student["college"] = "ABC University"  # add new key-value
```

```
student["age"] = 22 # update existing value  
print(student)
```

Removing Items

```
student.pop("city") # removes key 'city'  
print(student)
```

Dictionary Methods

Method	Description	Example
.keys()	Returns all keys	student.keys()
.values()	Returns all values	student.values()
.items()	Returns all key-value pairs as tuples	student.items()
.get(key)	Returns value of a key safely	student.get("name")
.update(new_dict)	Updates dictionary with another	student.update({"city": "Lucknow"})

Nested Dictionary

You can store another dictionary inside a dictionary.

Example:

```
profile = {  
    "username": "saumya1singh",  
    "details": {  
        "followers": 1200,  
        "verified": True  
    }  
}
```

```
print(profile["details"]["followers"]) # 1200
```

Practice Question 1

Create a dictionary named `marks` to store marks of 3 subjects.
Add the subjects one by one and print the final dictionary.

Example:

Input:

```
Maths → 90  
Science → 85  
English → 88
```

Output:

```
{'Maths': 90, 'Science': 85, 'English': 88}
```

2 Sets in Python

Definition

A **set** is a collection of **unordered and unique items**. Sets automatically remove duplicate elements and are written using **curly braces { }**.

Example:

```
languages = {"Python", "Java", "C++", "Python"}  
print(languages)  
# Output: {'C++', 'Java', 'Python'}
```

Creating a Set

```
empty_set = set()      # Empty set  
nums = {1, 2, 3, 4}    # Non-empty set
```

Set Properties

- Unordered → no fixed index positions
 - Unique → no duplicates
 - Mutable → elements can be added or removed
 - Cannot contain mutable elements like lists or dictionaries
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Adding and Removing Elements

```
nums = {1, 2, 3}
nums.add(4)
nums.remove(2)
print(nums)  # {1, 3, 4}
```

Other Useful Methods

Method	Description	Example
.add(el)	Adds an element	nums.add(5)
.remove(el)	Removes element	nums.remove(1)
.clear()	Empties the set	nums.clear()
.pop()	Removes a random element	nums.pop()
.union(set2)	Combines both sets	{1,2}.union({2,3}) → {1,2,3}
.intersection(set2)	Common elements of both sets	{1,2,3}.intersection({2,3,4}) → {2,3}

Practice Question 2

You are given a list of programming languages:

```
["Python", "Java", "C++", "Python", "Java", "C"]
```

Convert it into a set and print how many **unique languages** Divya knows.

Expected Output:

```
{'Python', 'Java', 'C++', 'C'}  
Divya knows 4 unique languages.
```

③ Difference Between Dictionary and Set

Feature	Dictionary	Set
Structure	Stores data as key-value pairs	Stores unique values only
Syntax	{ "key": value }	{value1, value2, ...}
Mutable	Yes	Yes
Duplicates	Keys are unique	All elements unique
Indexing	Not supported	Not supported

✓ Summary

- **Dictionary:** Stores key-value pairs, mutable, unique keys.
- **Set:** Stores unique, unordered elements.
- Both are very useful for **data handling and searching operations.**

Mini Assignment

1. Create a dictionary storing meanings of 3 English words.
2. Create a set of numbers and show union and intersection with another set.

3. Try to add both integer `9` and float `9.0` to a set and observe what happens.
(Hint: You can convert one into a string to make both unique.)