

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", 21, "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
<code>.keys()</code>	Returns all keys	<code>student.keys()</code>
<code>.values()</code>	Returns all values	<code>student.values()</code>
<code>.items()</code>	Returns all key-value pairs as tuples	<code>student.items()</code>
<code>.get(key)</code>	Returns value of a key safely	<code>student.get("name")</code>
<code>.update(new_dict)</code>	Updates dictionary with another	<code>student.update({"city": "Lucknow"})</code>

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

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

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	<code>{ "key": value }</code>	<code>{value1, value2, ...}</code>
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.)