

Beyond Blocks

Session 1 Challenge Problems

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Instructions: return n^2

```
>>> def square(n):  
    #Your code here
```

```
>>> square(8)  
64
```

Instructions: return the average of **x**
and **y**

```
>>> def average(x, y):  
    #Your code here
```

```
>>> average(7, 30)  
18.5
```

Instructions: return the bigger number
from **x** and **y**

```
>>> def bigger(x, y):  
    #Your code here
```

```
>>> bigger(23, 67)  
67
```

Instructions: return the biggest of **x**, **y**,
and **z**

```
>>> def biggest(x, y, z):  
    #Your code here
```

```
>>> biggest(11, 20, 3)  
20
```

Instructions: write a factorial function
USING a “while” loop (i.e. $n!$)

```
>>> def while_factorial(n):  
    #Your code here
```

```
>>> while_factorial(5)  
120
```

Instructions: write a factorial function
USING a “for” loop (i.e. $n!$)

```
>>> def for_factorial(n):  
    #Your code here
```

```
>>> for_factorial(5)  
120
```

Instructions: print all the factors of **factor** from numbers between **start** and **end**. Print “done” when finished. (assume **start** \leq **end**)

```
>>> def print_factors_between(start, end, factor):  
    #Your code here
```

```
>>> print_factors_between(3, 10, 2)  
4  
6  
8  
10  
done
```


Instructions: write a function that sums the factorials of all numbers from **start** to **end** (assume **start** \leq **end**)

```
>>> def sum_factorials(start, end):  
    #Your code here
```

```
>>> sum_factorials(4)  
32
```

Instructions: if n is even, divide n by 2, if n is odd, multiply n by 3 and add 1. Repeat until $n = 1$. Print n for each iteration. Return number of iterations.

(assume $n > 0$)

```
>>> def hailstone(n):  
    #Your code here
```

```
>>> hailstone(5):
```

```
5
```

```
16
```

```
8
```

```
4
```

```
2
```

```
1
```

```
5 ← returns number of iterations
```