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while (Table 1 has more rows) {  
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    if (X.MonthOfBirth == "May") {  
        mayList = mayList ++  
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- List of students born in May
- List of students from Chennai

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chennaiList = []  
while (Table 1 has more rows) {  
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    if (X.TownCity == "Chennai") {  
        chennaiList = chennaiList ++  
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  - All students born in May who are from Chennai
  - Nested `foreach`

```
mayChennaiList = []  
foreach x in mayList {  
    foreach y in chennaiList {  
        if (x == y) {  
            mayChennaiList =  
                mayChennaiList ++ [x]  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Summary

- A list is a sequence of values
- Write a list as `[x1,x2,...,xn]`
- Combine lists using `++`
  - `[x1,x2] ++ [y1,y2,y3] ↦ [x1,x2,y1,y2,y3]`
- Extending list `l` by an item `x`
  - `l = l ++ [x]`
- `foreach` iterates through values in a list

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