## **≡** Item Navigation

## Linear and Binary Search (Optional)

If you're curious about how linear and binary search look in code, here are a couple of implementations in Python:

```
def linear_search(list, key):
    """If key is in the list returns its position in the list,
    otherwise returns -1."""
    for i, item in enumerate(list):
        if item == key:
            return i
    return -1
```

```
def binary_search(list, key):
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          """Returns the position of key in the list if found, -1 otherwise.
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         List must be sorted.
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         left = 0
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         right = len(list) - 1
         while left <= right:
              middle = (left + right) // 2
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             if list[middle] == key:
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                  return middle
              if list[middle] > key:
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                  right = middle - 1
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              if list[middle] < key:</pre>
                  left = middle + 1
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         return -1
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```

Don't worry if this seems complex! Understanding this code isn't required for understanding how to use binary search in troubleshooting.

