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| **Pickling** - is the process where a Python object is converted into a byte stream  **Unpicking** - is the inverse operation, where a byte stream is converted back into an object.  Pickling (and unpicking) is alternatively known as serialization, marshalling, or flattening. |

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| import pickle  print('pickling lists') l = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D'] f = open('pickles.dat', 'wb') #wb is for write binary  pickle.dump(l, f) f.close() |

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| import pickle  print('unpickling lists') f = open('pickles.dat', 'rb') #read binary  l = pickle.load(f) print(l) f.close()  unpickling lists  ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D'] |