

# For loops

A **for** loop is used for iterating over a sequence (that is either a list, a tuple, a dictionary, a set, or a string).

This is less like the **for** keyword in other programming languages, and works more like an iterator method as found in other object-orientated programming languages.

With the **for** loop we can execute a set of statements, once for each item in a list, tuple, set etc.

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana"]  
for x in fruits:  
    print(x)
```

```
apple  
banana
```

The **for** loop does not require an indexing variable to set beforehand.

# Looping Through a String

Even strings are iterable objects, they contain a sequence of characters:

```
for x in "banana":  
    print(x)
```

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b  
a  
n  
a  
n  
a

## The break Statement

With the **break** statement we can stop the loop before it has looped through all the items:

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
for x in fruits:  
    print(x)  
    if x == "banana":  
        break
```

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apple  
banana