

Topics:

Strings.

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As an exercise, write a function that takes a string as an argument and displays the letters backward, one per line.

```
prefixes = ' JKLMNOPQ'
suffix = ' ack'
for letter in prefixes:
    print(letter + suffix)
```

Of course, that's not quite right because "Ouack" and "Quack" are misspelled. As an exercise, modify the program to fix this error.

Continuing this example, what do you think `fruit[:]` means? Try it and see.

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```
def find(word, letter):
    index = 0
    while index < len(word):
        if word[index] == letter:
            return index
        index = index + 1
    return -1
```

As an exercise, modify `find` so that it has a third parameter, the index in word where it should start looking.

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```
word = ' banana'
count = 0
for letter in word:
    if letter == ' a' :
        count = count + 1
print(count)
```

As an exercise, encapsulate this code in a function named `count`, and generalize it so that it accepts the string and the letter as arguments.

Then rewrite the function so that instead of traversing the string, it uses the threeparameter version of `find` from the previous section.

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