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In [1]: def includes(item, val, start_ind = None):  
        #for dictionary ignoring start_ind and searching  
        if(type(item) == dict):  
            for key in item:  
                if(item[key] == val):  
                    return True  
            return False  
  
        #making start_ind 0 if it is not passed a value  
        if(start_ind == None):  
            start_ind = 0  
        n = len(item)  
        i = 0  
  
        for i in range(n):  
            #skipping till start_ind  
            if(i < start_ind):  
                continue  
            elif(item[i] == val):  
                return True  
        return False
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In [2]: includes([2, 3, 4], 2, 0) # True
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Out[2]: True
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In [3]: includes([2, 3, 4], 4, 1) # True
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Out[3]: True
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In [4]: includes({'a':1, 'b':2}, 1) # True
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Out[4]: True
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In [5]: includes({'a':1, 'b':2}, 'a') # False
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Out[5]: False
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In [6]: includes('abcd', 'b')
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Out[6]: True
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