

replacing
import with
accio in
CPython

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>>> acccio sys
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SyntaxError
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why?

we'll learn:
what is a
statement

we'll learn:

what is a

SyntaxError

**we'll learn:
how does
Python know
the difference?**

**we'll learn:
bootstrapping
!**

replacing
import with
accio

import is a
statement

**statements
are defined in
the Grammar
file**

import_stmt :

import_name

|

import_from

import_name:

'import'

dotted_as_names

first attempt

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import_name:  
    'accio'  
dotted_as_names
```

\$ make

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import sys
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SyntaxError:

invalid syntax

oops

**second
attempt**

```
$ sed 's/  
import/accio'
```


\$ make

accio sys
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SyntaxError:

invalid syntax

bootstrapping
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third attempt

```
import_name:  
    'import'  
dotted_as_names  
|    'accio'  
dotted_as_names
```

\$ make

\$PATH

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import_name:  
    'accio'  
dotted_as_names
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SyntaxError!
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links

- Grammar - <https://docs.python.org/2/reference/grammar.html>
- EBNF - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extended_Backus%E2%80%93Naur_Form
- Adding a statement - <http://eli.thegreenplace.net/2010/06/30/python-internals-adding-a-new-statement-to-python/>

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