**Python Program to Count the Occurrences of a Word in a Text File**

def word\_count(str):

    counts = dict()

    words = str.split()

    for word in words:

        if word in counts:

            counts[word] += 1

        else:

            counts[word] = 1

    return counts

print( word\_count('the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.'))

