function escapeRegExp(str) {

return str.replace(/[\-\[\]\/\{\}\(\)\\*\+\?\.\\\^\$\|]/g, "\\$&");

}

**Example**

escapeRegExp("All of these should be escaped: \ ^ $ \* + ? . ( ) | { } [ ]");

>>> "All of these should be escaped: \\ \^ \$ \\* \+ \? \. \( \) \| \{ \} \[ \] "