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def compression_algorithm(postcard_message):
    if len(postcard_message) <= 1:
        return "postcard message should contain 2 letters"
    compression = []
    count = 1
    for i in range(1, len(postcard_message)):
        if postcard_message[i] == postcard_message[i - 1]:
            count += 1
        else:
            if count > 1:
                compression.append(postcard_message[i - 1].lower() + str(count))
            else:
                compression.append(postcard_message[i - 1].lower())
            count = 1
    if count > 1:
        compression.append(postcard_message[-1].lower() + str(count))
    else:
        compression.append(postcard_message[-1].lower())
    return ''.join(compression)

while True:
    given_string = input("Enter your postcard message or 'close' to quit: ")
    if given_string.lower() == 'close':
        break

    compressed_postmessage = compression_algorithm(given_string)
    print("Compressed postmessage:", compressed_postmessage)

... Enter your postcard message or 'close' to quit: hi
Compressed postmessage: hi
Enter your postcard message or 'close' to quit: hiii
Compressed postmessage: hi4
Enter your postcard message or 'close' to quit: Raiiiii
Compressed postmessage: rai5
Enter your postcard message or 'close' to quit: 
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