

Question statement (4):

Write a function to return a copy of a list of strings with duplicates removed. Preserve order in the original list as much as possible (keep first occurrence).

If the candidate implements this quickly, then ask to reimplement to keep nth occurrence (where n is specified as a parameter).

Example

```
["foo", "bar", "baz", "foo", "bar"] -> ["foo", "bar", "baz"]
```

Question (4)

Identify
the problem

There are duplicate strings
in a list

Define the
goal

Remove duplicates by returning
a list with only the 1st
occurrence of a word

-) if a word shows up
more than once, delete
the copies - leaving only the
~~1st~~ original ~~1st~~

Explore
Anticipate / Act
Thorough Duke's
Approach

1) Examples by Hand

-) ["foo", "bar", "baz", "foo", "bar"]

->

["foo", "bar", "baz"]

→ ["dack", "duck", "duck", "daffy"]

→
["dack", "duck", "daffy"]

→ ["a", "a", "b", "b", "a", "a"]

→
["a", "b"]

→ ["a", "if", "off", "a", "af", "if",
"off"]

→

["a", "if", "off", "af",]



2) write what I did

The first word in I don't need to
check for duplicates

move to next word,

check if it's already in the

~~new~~ list
new

- if no, add to new list

- if yes, ~~move to~~ nothing

return new list

3) find patterns

•) no real need for sets

but sets would reduce
big O

•) checking every word

in old list against
words in new list

4) checking by hand

5) translate to code

💡 built
into Leet
code

{ 6) Run Test cases

} 7) Debug failed test cases