AP Review: List of Strings

This question involves the process of taking a list of words, called `wordList`, and producing a formatted string of a specified length. The list `wordList` contains at least two words, consisting of letters only.

When the formatted string is constructed, spaces are placed in the gaps between words so that as many spaces as possible are evenly distributed to each gap. The equal number of spaces inserted into each gap is referred to as the *basic gap width*. Any *leftover spaces* are inserted one at a time into the gaps from left to right until there are no more leftover spaces.

The following three examples illustrate these concepts. In each example, the list of words is to be placed into a formatted string of length 20.

Example 1: wordList: ["AP", "COMP", "SCI", "ROCKS"]

Total number of letters in words: 14
Number of gaps between words: 3
Basic gap width: 2
Leftover spaces: 0

Formatted string:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
A	P				C	O	M	P			S	C	I			R	O	C	K	S

Example 2: wordList: ["GREEN", "EGGS", "AND", "HAM"]

Total number of letters in words: 15
Number of gaps between words: 3
Basic gap width: 1
Leftover spaces: 2

The leftover spaces are inserted one at a time between the words from left to right until there are no more leftover spaces. In this example, the first two gaps get an extra space.

Formatted string:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
G	R	E	E	N			E	G	G	S			A	N	D		H	A	M

Example 3: wordList: ["BEACH", "BALL"]

Total number of letters in words: 9
Number of gaps between words: 1
Basic gap width: 11
Leftover spaces: 0

Formatted string:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
B	E	A	C	H												B	A	L	L

You will implement three `static` methods in a class named `StringFormatter` that is not shown.

(a) Write the `StringFormatter` method `totalLetters`, which returns the total number of letters in the words in its parameter `wordList`. For example, if the variable `List<String> words` is `["A", "frog", "is"]`, then the call `StringFormatter.totalLetters(words)` returns 7. You may assume that all words in `wordList` consist of one or more letters.

Complete method `totalLetters` below.

```
/** Returns the total number of letters in wordList.
 *    Precondition: wordList contains at least two words, consisting of letters only.
 */
public static int totalLetters(List<String> wordList)
```

(b) Write the `StringFormatter` method `basicGapWidth`, which returns the basic gap width as defined earlier.

Class information for this question

`public class StringFormatter`

```
public static int totalLetters(List<String> wordList)
public static int basicGapWidth(List<String> wordList,
                                int formattedLen)
public static int leftoverSpaces(List<String> wordList,
                                 int formattedLen)
public static String format(List<String> wordList, int formattedLen)
```

Assume that `totalLetters` works as specified regardless of what you wrote in part (a). You must use `totalLetters` appropriately to receive full credit.

Complete method `basicGapWidth` below.

```
/** Returns the basic gap width when wordList is used to produce
 *    a formatted string of formattedLen characters.
 *    Precondition: wordList contains at least two words, consisting of letters only.
 *                  formattedLen is large enough for all the words and gaps.
 */
public static int basicGapWidth(List<String> wordList,
                                int formattedLen)
```

(c) Write the `StringFormatter` method `format`, which returns the formatted string as defined earlier. The `StringFormatter` class also contains a method called `leftoverSpaces`, which has already been implemented. This method returns the number of leftover spaces as defined earlier and is shown below.

```
/** Returns the number of leftover spaces when wordList is used to produce
 *   a formatted string of formattedLen characters.
 *   Precondition: wordList contains at least two words, consisting of letters only.
 *                 formattedLen is large enough for all the words and gaps.
 */
public static int leftoverSpaces(List<String> wordList,
                                 int formattedLen)
{   /* implementation not shown */   }
```

Class information for this question

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public static int basicGapWidth(List<String> wordList,
                                int formattedLen)
public static int leftoverSpaces(List<String> wordList,
                                 int formattedLen)
public static String format(List<String> wordList, int formattedLen)
```

Assume that `basicGapWidth` works as specified, regardless of what you wrote in part (b). You must use `basicGapWidth` and `leftoverSpaces` appropriately to receive full credit.

Complete method `format` below.

```
/** Returns a formatted string consisting of the words in wordList separated by spaces.
 *   Precondition: The wordList contains at least two words, consisting of letters only.
 *                 formattedLen is large enough for all the words and gaps.
 *   Postcondition: All words in wordList appear in the formatted string.
 *      - The words appear in the same order as in wordList.
 *      - The number of spaces between words is determined by basicGapWidth and the
 *        distribution of leftoverSpaces from left to right, as described in the question.
 */
public static String format(List<String> wordList, int formattedLen)
```