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- 1. I was stuck for a while on figuring out how to decompress the file with gzip.GzipFile. I initially wrote "with gzip.GzipFile("news.2007.en.shuffled.gz") as source:" and also tried gzip.open(), but because I got a bunch of errors that mentioned the nltk.tokenize part, I thought that I had a problem with how the file was being opened. I tried a few more things out, but after no success, I ultimately asked Kyle who then nudged me in the right direction.
- 2. Running my program for the first time took a very long time since I didn't pick a sample of sentences from the file. I looked up how to do so and found a strategy that involved importing itertools and specifying the number of lines from 'source' to iterate over.
- 3. On the stretch goal: I was unclear about how subprocess worked even with the python docs, so I fortunately found a helpful video by Corey Schafer on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Fp1N6dof0Y) that demonstrated it in action. I used f strings for the the subprocess args, which seemed to work fine. Initially I tried using the list format, but it didn't work for some reason. I had to specify 'shell=True' for each subprocess arg because Terminal would give me an error saying something like 'Invalid path'. I've heard from the video about 'shell=True' making your computer susceptible to security issues, but I'm hoping that for this hw, nothing like that will happen.