



Practice Set

Lesson 1C: Finding & Organizing

Review + Practice Problems



Quick Review

Key Takeaways from Lesson 1C



Review Question 1

What's the difference between `index()` and `count()`?

Think about it before advancing...



Review Question 2

What's the difference between `sort()` and `sorted()`?

Which modifies the original? Which returns a new list?



Review Question 3

What does `sort()` return?

What's wrong with: `result = my_list.sort()`



Review Question 4

How do you reverse a list **WITHOUT** modifying the original?

What syntax creates a reversed copy?



Practice Problems

Apply What You Know!



Problem 1: Code Prediction

Trace this code and predict ALL outputs:

```
scores = [88, 92, 75, 95, 88, 82]

print(scores.count(88))
print(scores.count(100))
print(scores.index(88))
```

What prints for each line?



Problem 2: Code Prediction

What does this print?

```
nums = [5, 2, 8, 1, 9]
result = nums.sort()

print(result)
print(nums)
```

What prints for result? What prints for nums?



Problem 3: Multiple Choice

Which code safely finds the position of "Python" in a list?

A) `position = languages.index("Python")`

B) `if "Python" in languages: position = languages.index("Python")`

C) `position = languages.count("Python")`

D) `position = languages.find("Python")`



Problem 4: Code Prediction

What does this code print?

```
original = [30, 10, 50, 20, 40]
sorted_copy = sorted(original)
original.reverse()

print(original)
print(sorted_copy)
```

Think about which operations create copies vs modify!



Problem 5: Spot the Bug

This code is supposed to show the highest score, but has a bug:

```
def get_highest(scores):  
    sorted_scores = scores.sort(reverse=True)  
    return sorted_scores[0]  
  
player_scores = [85, 92, 78, 95, 88]  
highest = get_highest(player_scores)  
print(f"Highest: {highest}")
```

What's the bug? How would you fix it?



Problem 6: Code Writing

Write a function that finds all positions of a value in a list:

```
def find_all_positions(items, target):  
    """  
    Return a list of ALL indexes where target appears.  
  
    Example:  
        scores = [88, 92, 88, 75, 88]  
        find_all_positions(scores, 88) # Returns [0, 2, 4]  
        find_all_positions(scores, 99) # Returns []  
    """
```

Hint: `index()` only finds the FIRST one. You need a loop!



Problem 7: Explain the Difference

What's the difference between these two approaches?

Approach A:

```
names = ["Zara", "Alice", "Beth"]
names.sort()
names.reverse()
print(names)
```

Approach B:

```
names = ["Zara", "Alice", "Beth"]
names.sort(reverse=True)
print(names)
```

Do they produce the same result? Is one better?



Complete Your Answers

Good luck!

Remember: Does this modify or return?