

Using basic functions

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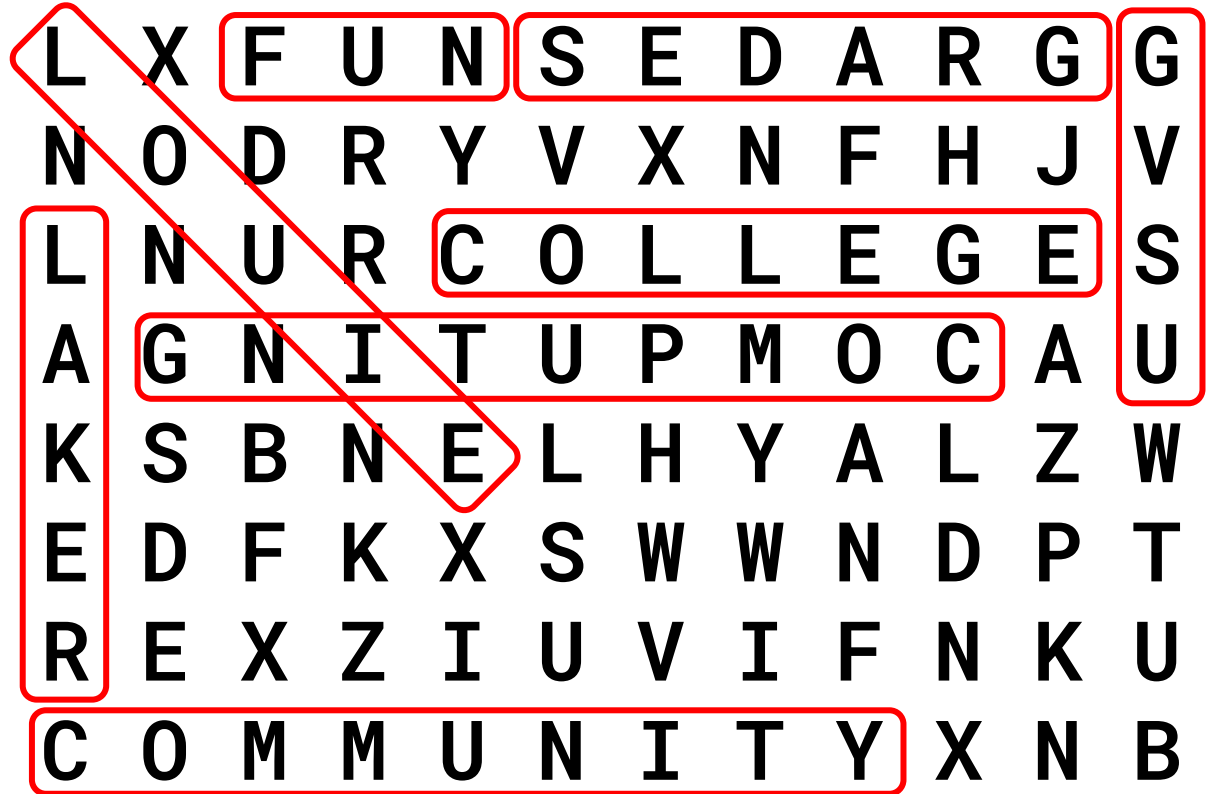
second_num = 5**2 / 2 —————> 25 / 2 = 12.5

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Practicing computational thinking - Activity

Functions

Functions are reusable chunks of code

You don't have to copy-paste the chunk, just *call* the function!

Have we seen any functions so far in class?

Yes! `print()` and `input()` are both functions!

Built-in functions

Both `print()` and `input()` are built-in functions

They are ALWAYS available in Python, without doing anything extra

There are ~70 built-in functions:

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html>

Looking back at an old example:

```
print("Type something and then press enter!")  
x = input()  
print("x is:")  
print(x)
```

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print("Hit enter one more time...")  
input()  
y = x * 3  
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`input()`

Waits for the user to write something in the terminal and then press enter

Returns that value as a string.

Why?

Strings can “hold” numbers, numbers can’t “hold” strings

So strings are more flexible, they are safer!

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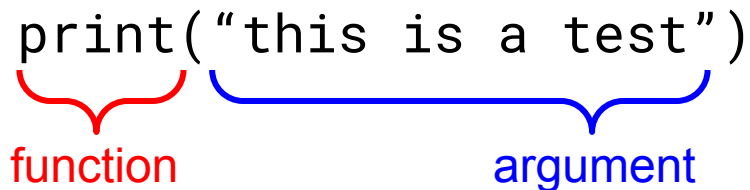
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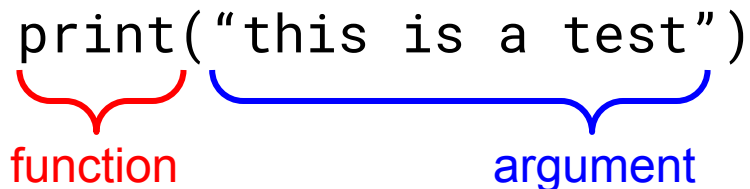
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`print` doesn't return anything (i.e., returns `None`)

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`len("dr. ferg")` -> Returns 8 (number of characters (length))

Correcting our past mistakes

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```

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Convert it to a number!

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Use `str()`, `int()`, or `float()` !

Type casting / type conversions in Python

What do you expect the outputs to be?

```
int("12")
```

```
float("13.5")
```

```
str(62)
```

```
str(9000.1)
```

Type casting / type conversions in Python

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`int("12")` \rightarrow 12

`float("13.5")` \rightarrow 13.5

`str(62)` \rightarrow "62"

`str(9000.1)` \rightarrow "9000.1"

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```

So how can we fix this code?

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input()  
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print(y)
```

Correcting our past mistakes

```
print("Type something and then press enter!")  
tmp = input()  
x = float(tmp)  
print("x is:")  
print(x)
```

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input()  
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print(y)
```

Correcting our past mistakes (alternative)

```
print("Type something and then press enter!")  
x = float(input())  
print("x is:")  
print(x)
```

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Try it!! I'll always encourage you to test things out yourself! :^)

User-defined functions

Soon we'll talk about writing our own functions!

Finding more functions

Python has a wealthy ecosystem of code

If you want a common function, *someone has likely already coded it!*

We can access extra code by importing modules

Example:

```
import math  
x = math.sqrt(49)
```

Reading documentation

Documentation exists for both built-in functions:

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html>

And other modules:

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/math.html>

I ***strongly*** encourage you to get comfortable reading documentation!

Practice questions: How can you call print but avoid ending the line?

What does passing an argument to input do?