COMP1531

2.2 - Python - Dictionaries

Lists are **sequential containers** of memory. Values are referenced by their **integer index** (key) that represents their location in an **order**

	length = 5					Þ
	ʻp'	ʻr'	'o'	ʻb'	'e'	
index	0	1	2	3	4	
negative index	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	

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name → "sally"

age → 18

height → "187cm"

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dict_basic_1.py
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```
1 userData = {}
2 userData["name"] = "Sally"
3 userData["age"] = 18
4 userData["height"] = "187cm"
5 print(userData)
```

```
1 {'name': 'Sally', 'age': 18, 'height': '187cm'}
```

There are a number of different ways we can construct and interact with dictionaries

dict_basic_2.py

```
1  userData = {
2    'name' : 'Sally',
3    'age' : 18,
4    'height' : '186cm', # Why a comma?
5  }
6  userData['height'] = '187cm'
7  print(userData)
```

```
1 {'name': 'Sally', 'age': 18, 'height': '187cm'}
```

dict_loop.py

Basic loops are over **keys** not **values:**

How would we modify this to print out the values instead?

```
userData = [
            'name' : 'Sally',
           'age' : 18,
            'height' : '186cm',
            'name' : 'Bob',
           'age' : 17,
           'height' : '188cm',
10
11
   for user in userData:
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13
       print("Whole user: ", user)
14
       for part in user:
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           print(f" {part}")
```

```
Whole user: {'name': 'Sally', 'age': 18, 'height': '186cm'}
name
age
height
Whole user: {'name': 'Bob', 'age': 17, 'height': '188cm'}
name
age
height
height
```

dict_loop_2.py

Q. Write a python program that takes in a series of words from STDIN and outputs the frequency of how often each vowel appears