

## Homework #3: Magic Eight Ball

Using a magic eight ball the user can:

- Ask a question
- Roll the ball
- Receive an answer (prediction about whether the question will come to be)
- **Example:**
  - Magic Eight Ball prompts the user to ask a question
  - User asks: “Will I get an A on HW1 for SI206?”
  - Magic Eight Ball gives one of eight possible answers (listed below)
  - Magic Eight Ball continues to ask for the next question until the user ends the game



## Instructions

For this assignment, you will be writing the *MagicEightBall* class with the following methods:

- An **`__init__(self, answers)`** method: This will initialize a new *MagicEightBall* class
  - Set the attribute **`answers_list`** to the **`answers`** argument. This is a list of the eight possible answers a player could receive.
  - Set the attribute **`questions_history_list`** to an empty list.
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- A **`__str__(self)`** method: Returns a string with all of the answers in **`question_history_list`** separated by commas.
  - If no questions have been asked yet, return an empty string
- A **`get_fortune(self, question)`** method:
  - Checks if the question has been asked before
    - If it has, this method returns “I’ve already answered this question”
  - If the question has not been asked before, pick an answer at random from **`answer_list`**.
    - Add the index of the answer in **`answers_list`** to **`answers_history_list`**

- e.g. if **answers\_list** is ['yes', 'no'] and the answer is 'yes', you should add 0 to **answers\_history\_list**
    - Returns the answer
- A **play\_game(self)** method: This method controls the game play for the **MagicEightBall** object
  - Prompts the user to ask a question: "Please enter a question: "
  - If the question is "I'm done playing" then print "Goodbye" and end the game
  - Otherwise, add the question to **questions\_history\_list** and use the **get\_fortune** method to generate a fortune
    - Print the fortune
    - Add the question to **questions\_history\_list**
    - Prompts the user to ask the next question: "Please enter the next question: "
- A **print\_answer\_frequencies(self)** method: This method prints out the answers
  - Using the **answers\_history\_list**, count how many times each answer is given.
    - Print out "The answer '<answer>' has been given <number> of times."
    - **Hint:** You can use the .count() method
    - **Hint:** "I've already answered this question" should not appear in answers\_history\_list
    - Returns a dictionary that maps answers to their frequency
  - If there are no answers in **answers\_history\_list**, it will print "None yet" and return an empty dictionary
- A **main()** function:
  - Defines the possible answers into a list: Definitely, Most Likely, It is certain, Maybe, Cannot predict now, Very doubtful, Don't count on it, Absolutely not
  - Create the **MagicEightBall** object
  - Initiate the game play using the **play\_game()** method
  - Shows the output of **print\_answer\_frequencies()**

### Sample output from the main method:

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Please enter a question: will it snow today?
Most Likely

Please enter the next question: should I bring my gloves with me?
Don't count on it

Please enter the next question: will it snow today?
I've already answered this question

Please enter the next question: should I study in the ugli?
Maybe

Please enter the next question: I'm done playing
Goodbye
The answer 'Most Likely' has been given 1 times
The answer 'Don't count on it' has been given 1 times
The answer 'Maybe' has been given 1 times
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### Grading Rubric - Total of 60 Points

- 5 points: the `__init__` method sets the object's *answers\_list*, *questions\_history\_list*, and *answers\_history\_list* correctly to the passed arguments, sets both the object's *questions\_history\_list* and *answers\_history\_list* attributes to an empty list
- 5 points: the `__str__` method returns a string with all answers in *answers\_list* separated by commas
  - Correct answers for a list `["Definitely", "Most likely", "It is certain", "Maybe", "Cannot predict now", "Very doubtful", "Don't count on it", "Absolutely not"]`
- 5 points: the *get\_fortune* method returns "I've already answered this question" if the question has already been asked
- 5 points: the *get\_fortune* method adds the answer to *answers\_history\_list*
  - If a question has already been asked, *get\_fortune* does not add the "I've already answered this question" to *answers\_history\_list*
- 5 points: the *play\_game* method continually prompts the user for a question, using prompt "Please enter a question" as long as they don't input "I'm done playing"
- 5 points: the *play\_game* method adds the questions to *questions\_history\_list*
- 5 points: the *play\_game* method uses the *get\_fortune()* method to correctly get the answer

- 10 points: ***print\_answer\_frequencies*** prints “The answer ‘<answer>’ has been given <number> of times.” for each of the answers from ***answers\_history\_list*** on separate lines
- 3 points: ***print\_answer\_frequencies*** returns “None yet” if there are no answers in ***answers\_history\_list***
- 3 points: ***answers\_list*** is properly defined and used in the ***main()*** function
- 3 points: the ***MagicEightBall*** object is properly defined and used in the ***main()*** function
- 3 points: the ***play\_game*** method is used correctly in the ***main()*** function
- 3 points: the ***print\_answer\_frequencies*** method is used correctly in the ***main()*** function

## Extra Credit: 6 points

Create a ***my\_test()*** function that creates a ***MagicEightBall*** object and tests each of the possible outcomes.

- **1 point:** Correct output from ***print\_answer\_frequencies*** when no questions have been asked.
- **2 point:** Correct behavior from ***print\_answer\_frequencies*** when ***answers\_list*** is ['It is certain', 'It is certain', 'Don't count on it'] and ***answers\_history\_list*** is [0, 1, 1]
  - **Hint:** you can modify the value of attributes on a class that's already been created. For example, if your ***MagicEightBall*** object is called ***eight\_ball***, you can make ***answer\_history\_list*** equal to an empty list by setting ***eight\_ball.answer\_history\_list = []***
- **1 point:** Correct output from ***get\_fortune*** when a question has already been asked.
- **1 point:** Correct output from ***play\_game*** when the first question asked is “I’m done playing.”

## Running Your Code:

If you are having trouble running your code / interacting with the program in VSCode, click the arrow in the top right corner of your VSCode window. Then, hit “Run Python File.”

