# 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 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.
  - o 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, 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
  - o Initiate the game play using the play game() method
  - Shows the output of print answer frequences()

#### 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 <u>str</u> method returns a string with all answers in question\_history\_list separated by commas
- 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."

