

## THE CRYPTPO SQUARE PROBLEM

You are asked to implement the classic method for composing secret messages called a square code.

Given an English text, output the encoded version of that text.

First, the input is normalized: the spaces and punctuation are removed from the English text and the message is downcased.

Then, the normalized characters are broken into rows. These rows can be regarded as forming a rectangle when printed with intervening newlines.

For example, the sentence

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"If man was meant to stay on the ground, god would have given us roots."
```

is normalized to:

```
"ifmanwasmeanttostayonthegroundgodwouldhavegivenusroots"
```

The plaintext should be organized into a rectangle. The size of the rectangle ( $r \times c$ ) should be decided by the length of the message, such that  $c \geq r$  and  $c - r \leq 1$ , where  $c$  is the number of columns and  $r$  is the number of rows.

Our normalized text is 54 characters long, dictating a rectangle with  $c = 8$  and  $r = 7$ :

```
"ifmanwas"  
"meanttos"  
"tayonthe"  
"groundgo"  
"dwouldha"  
"vegivenu"  
"sroots  "
```

The coded message is obtained by reading down the columns going left to right.

The message above is coded as:

```
"imtgdvsfearwermayoogoanouuiontnnlvtwttddesaohghnsseoau"
```

Output the encoded text in chunks that fill perfect rectangles  $(r \times c)$ , with  $c$  chunks of  $r$  length, separated by spaces. For phrases that are  $n$  characters short of the perfect rectangle, pad each of the last  $n$  chunks with a single trailing space.

```
"imtgdvs fearwer mayoogo anouuio ntnnlvt wttdes aohghn sseoau "
```

Notice that were we to stack these, we could visually decode the ciphertext back in to the original message:

```
"imtgdvs"  
"fearwer"  
"mayoogo"  
"anouuio"  
"ntnnlvt"  
"wttdes"  
"aohghn "  
"sseoau "
```

#### Input (crypto.txt)

```
If man was meant to stay on the ground, god would have given us roots.
```

#### Output

```
"imtgdvs fearwer mayoogo anouuio ntnnlvt wttdes aohghn sseoau "
```