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**Python 2: Getting More Out of Python  
Lesson 5, Quiz 1**

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**Question 1:**

What does the statement pickle.dump(o, f) do?

**Your Answer:**

it dumps the contents of the name 'o' into a pickle file (serialization into binary format for compact storage on disk)

**Mentor Comments:**

*none*

**Question 2:**

Should pickle files be opened in text or binary mode?

**Your Answer:**

binary mode so the interpreter won't alter the contents

**Mentor Comments:**

From the Python documentation:

Be sure to always open pickle files created with protocols >= 1 in binary mode. For the old ASCII-based pickle protocol 0 you can use either text mode or binary mode as long as you stay consistent.

A pickle file written with protocol 0 in binary mode will contain lone linefeeds as line terminators and therefore will look â??funnyâ?? when viewed in Notepad or other editors which do not support this format.

**Question 3:**

What type of key values does the shelve module require you to use?

**Your Answer:**

keys must be encodable as strings or the interpreter will raise and error.

**Mentor Comments:**

*none*

**Overall Comments:**

Good work on a perfect quiz, Jason.

-Pat

**Grade:**

Great

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