

# Problem 843: Guess the Word

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 0.00%

**Paid Only:** No

## Problem Description

You are given an array of unique strings

`words`

where

`words[i]`

is six letters long. One word of

`words`

was chosen as a secret word.

You are also given the helper object

`Master`

. You may call

`Master.guess(word)`

where

`word`

is a six-letter-long string, and it must be from

words

.

Master.guess(word)

returns:

-1

if

word

is not from

words

, or

an integer representing the number of exact matches (value and position) of your guess to the secret word.

There is a parameter

allowedGuesses

for each test case where

allowedGuesses

is the maximum number of times you can call

Master.guess(word)

.

For each test case, you should call

Master.guess

with the secret word without exceeding the maximum number of allowed guesses. You will get:

"Either you took too many guesses, or you did not find the secret word."

if you called

Master.guess

more than

allowedGuesses

times or if you did not call

Master.guess

with the secret word, or

"You guessed the secret word correctly."

if you called

Master.guess

with the secret word with the number of calls to

Master.guess

less than or equal to

allowedGuesses

.

The test cases are generated such that you can guess the secret word with a reasonable strategy (other than using the brute force method).

Example 1:

Input:

```
secret = "acckzz", words = ["acckzz", "ccbazz", "eiowzz", "abcczz"], allowedGuesses = 10
```

Output:

You guessed the secret word correctly.

Explanation:

master.guess("aaaaaa") returns -1, because "aaaaaa" is not in wordlist.  
master.guess("acckzz") returns 6, because "acckzz" is secret and has all 6 matches.  
master.guess("ccbazz") returns 3, because "ccbazz" has 3 matches. master.guess("eiowzz") returns 2, because "eiowzz" has 2 matches. master.guess("abcczz") returns 4, because "abcczz" has 4 matches. We made 5 calls to master.guess, and one of them was the secret, so we pass the test case.

Example 2:

Input:

```
secret = "hamada", words = ["hamada", "khaled"], allowedGuesses = 10
```

Output:

You guessed the secret word correctly.

Explanation:

Since there are two words, you can guess both.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{words.length} \leq 100$

words[i].length == 6

words[i]

consist of lowercase English letters.

All the strings of

wordlist

are

unique

.

secret

exists in

words

.

10 <= allowedGuesses <= 30

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
 * // You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation
 * class Master {
 * public:
 *   int guess(string word);
 * };
 */
```

```

class Solution {
public:
    void findSecretWord(vector<string>& words, Master& master) {

    }

};

```

## Java:

```

/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
 * // You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation
 * interface Master {
 *     public int guess(String word) {}
 * }
 */
class Solution {
    public void findSecretWord(String[] words, Master master) {

    }

}

```

## Python3:

```

# """
# This is Master's API interface.
# You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation
# """
# class Master:
#     def guess(self, word: str) -> int:

class Solution:
    def findSecretWord(self, words: List[str], master: 'Master') -> None:

```

## Python:

```

# """
# This is Master's API interface.
# You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation
# """
#class Master(object):
#     def guess(self, word):

```

```

# """
# :type word: str
# :rtype int
# """

class Solution(object):
def findSecretWord(self, words, master):
    """
    :type words: List[Str]
    :type master: Master
    :rtype: None
    """

```

## JavaScript:

```

/**
 * // This is the master's API interface.
 * // You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation
 * function Master() {
 *
 *
 * @param {string} word
 * @return {integer}
 * this.guess = function(word) {
 * ...
 * };
 * };
 */
/**
 * @param {string[]} words
 * @param {Master} master
 * @return {void}
 */
var findSecretWord = function(words, master) {

};

```

## TypeScript:

```

/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
 * // You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation
 * class Master {

```

```

* guess(word: string): number {}
* }
*/

function findSecretWord(words: string[], master: Master) {

};

```

## C#:

```

/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
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 * class Master {
 * public int Guess(string word);
 * }
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public void FindSecretWord(string[] words, Master master) {

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## C:

```

/**
 * *****
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
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 *
 * int guess(Master *, char *word);
 */
void findSecretWord(char** words, int wordsSize, Master* master) {

}

```

## Go:

```

/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
 * // You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation

```



```

* type Master struct {
* }
*
* func (this *Master) Guess(word string) int {}
*/
func findSecretWord(words []string, master *Master) {

}

```

### Kotlin:

```

/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
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 * fun guess(word: String): Int {}
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### Swift:

```

/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
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 */
class Solution {
func findSecretWord(_ words: [String], _ master: Master) {

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}

```

### Rust:

```

/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
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 * struct Master;
 * impl Master {
 * fn guess(word:String)->int;
 * };
 */

impl Solution {
pub fn find_secret_word(words: Vec<String>, master: &Master) {

}

}

```

## Ruby:

```

# This is Master's API interface.
# You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation
#
# class Master
# =begin
# :type word: String
# :rtype: Integer
# =end
# def guess(word)
# ...
# end
# end
#

# @param {String[]} words
# @param {Master} master
# @return {Void}
def find_secret_word(words, master)

end

```

## PHP:

```

/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
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```

```

* interface Master {
*   function guess($word) {}
* }
*/

class Solution {
/**
 * @param String[] $words
 * @param Master $master
 * @return
 */
function findSecretWord($words, $master) {

}
}

```

## Scala:

```

/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
 * // You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation
 * class Master {
 *
 *   def guess(word: String): Int = {}
 *
 * }
 */

object Solution {
  def findSecretWord(words: Array[String], master: Master): Unit = {

  }
}

```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```

/*
 * Problem: Guess the Word
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```

```

* Tags: array, string, math
*
* Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
* Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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/**
 * // This is the Master's API interface.
 * // You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation
 * interface Master {
 * public int guess(String word) {
 * // TODO: Implement optimized solution
 * return 0;

```

```

}
* }
*/
class Solution {
public void findSecretWord(String[] words, Master master) {

}
}

```

### Python3 Solution:

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# class Master:
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# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass

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 *   };
 * };
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var findSecretWord = function(words, master) {

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}
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