

## Exercise 3: Strings

**These exercises will require you to look up some String class methods from the java API.** The sheer size of Java and the fact that it is always growing makes it impossible for a programmer to know every single method. Use the following link to find the information you need: <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/lang/String.html>

(Hint: a possible solution is to use *indexOf*, *length*, *substring*, *compareTo*)

1. Design a program that asks the user for a sentence and outputs the number of characters it contains.
2. Design a program that asks the user for a sentence. The program will then make all the characters lowercase except for the first one.
3. Design a program that asks for two strings and outputs a number. The number should be positive if one string is greater (alpha) than the other, negative for the other way, and zero if they are equal.
4. Design a program that asks the user for a sentence made of five words and then outputs each word in the sentence on a new line.

### Challenge

Design a program that can be used to retrieve secret messages from a sentence. The messages are encoded as follows:

- the first letter of every word in a string makes up the message.
- example: **S**ome **o**ranges **m**ay **e**at **s**our **e**lephants. **C**ars **r**arely **e**at **t**hings.

Message: Some secret

- assume strings are 10 words long.

Your program should accept input as a single string and output the message as a single string.