

# Day 11 - Dictionary Day



Yesterday we covered lists. Today we move on to dictionaries! A list is just a list, but a dictionary is like a dictionary. You need to look up a word (key) and that word has a definition (value). This key - value pair allows us to specify what we want to look up. It's like an ordered list. Look at this example below:

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Day 11 > main.py > ...
1  droneblock_dict = {
2      "takeoff": "Tells the drone to take off",
KEYS  "land": "Tells the drone to land",      VALUES
4      "flip": "Tells the drone to flip in a specific direction"
5  }
6
7  print(droneblock_dict)
8  print(droneblock_dict["takeoff"])
9  print(droneblock_dict["land"])
10 print(droneblock_dict["flip"])
```

You create a dictionary by assigning to with dict\_name = { key: value }

When you use the print the droneblock\_dict you specify the key in the square brackets.

Line 7 will print the entire dictionary. That looks like this:

`{'takeoff': 'Tells the drone to take off', 'land': 'Tells the drone to land', 'flip': 'Tells the drone to flip in a specific direction'}`

To print a very specific value you just need to print the dict using the key like this:

Line 8 will print this:

`Tells the drone to take off`

Line 9 will print this:

`Tells the drone to land`

Line 10 will print this:

`Tells the drone to flip in a specific direction`



Dictionaries are really powerful. You can place multiple dictionaries in a list creating a really awesome data structure. You'll see this in action in today's challenge.

Dictionary keys have to be UNIQUE. When there are duplicate keys in a dictionary, the last key used in the dictionary will be used.

