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Julius Caesar (100 BC – 44 BC), used a character substitution scheme to send hidden messages to his commanders and allies. This encoding scheme, known as the Caesar cipher, was still in active military use until less than a century ago. In this coding scheme, every character in the original message (plaintext) is replaced by the character that cyclically occurs a fixed number of positions later along the alphabet to create a coded message (ciphertext).

The Caesar cipher uses a secret integer known as the “key”, where  $0 \leq \text{key} \leq 25$ . The key determines the number of positions to shift forward along the alphabet to get ciphertext from plaintext. The reverse operation of decoding requires an equal shift but in the opposite direction.

For encoding, key value of 0 implies no shift, that is, the plaintext is the same as the ciphertext. The key value of 3 implies a shift three positions forward, that is, A is encoded as D, ..., W as Z and Z as C. The key value of 25 implies a shift twenty five positions forward, that is, A is encoded as Z, ..., Y as X and Z as Y. This is the same as a shift one position backward, because  $-1 \equiv 25 \pmod{26}$ . Under ordinary conditions, the secret key is expected to be known only to those who are authorized to have access to the plaintext. However, Caesar cipher is no longer considered to be safe as the ciphertext can easily be broken by trying all 26 possible keys. Once broken, the secret key used by the communicating parties can also be recovered that not only allows access to the plaintext for that message but also compromises any future communication that uses the same key.

## Task

An antisocial organization, who call themselves “Caesar’s Army” conducts planned and coordinated attacks on nonprofit websites. They have devised a variation of the Caesar cipher to hide the information they exchange from law

enforcement. The investigating agencies have learnt that the scheme used by this organization has four closely guarded secret integers – `blockLength`, `k1`, `k2` and `k3`, where  $1 \leq \text{blockLength} \leq 10$  and the variables `k1`, `k2` and `k3` carry the same meaning as the key in Caesar Cipher explained above.

The members of the Caesar's Army convert numerals in the message to words (eg. "200" to numeral "two hundred"), remove all whitespace characters, special symbols, punctuation marks, etc. from the message and then convert the resulting text to UPPERCASE. For all our purposes, this is the plaintext that consists only of UPPERCASE characters in the alphabet (A – Z). This plaintext is then divided into blocks of size `blockLength`, except the last block which only consists of the remainder of the characters. For example, if the plaintext has 20 characters and `blockLength` is 3, it is divided into seven blocks – first six with three characters each and the last block with remaining two characters. These blocks are then coded using Caesar cipher – first block with key `k1`, the second block with `k2`, the third block with `k3`, the fourth block again with `k1`, fifth with `k2` and so on. The ciphertext also uses UPPERCASE characters only.

The investigating agencies have intercepted a ciphertext message exchanged recently. They also have access to a dictionary that consists of all words that may possibly be used in the plaintext – no word in the plaintext is outside this dictionary. They are willing to share this information with you and need your help in determining the values of the four secret integers and in recovering the plaintext as soon as possible – well in time to thwart the launch of the next attack that this message may be about!

## Input

The input shall always be 4 lines received by the standard input stream as follows:

1. The first line will be the cyphered text
2. Then a blank line should follow
3. The third line should be the number of words contained in the dictionary
4. The final line of the input will be the words contained in the dictionary, each word separated by the next one by a white space character. The last word of the dictionary does not have a white space character at the end

### Note:

All four pieces of the input start on a new line.

## Output

The output should contain values of the secret integers and the plaintext in

the following order:

```
blockLength
k1
k2
k3
Plaintext
```

**Note:**

The output ends with a newline character.

**Sample Input**

```
ZVVVZBCQNFJMGYNCRIXVBCYAXAZNNDFERCRBBXLRVODJIUVUJTJCNMCJVYQVETZEXCNLQWJGJBDTR
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**Sample Output**

```
5
17
9
21
IEEEISTHEWORLDSLARGESTPROFESSIONALASSOCIATIONDEDICATEDTOADVANCINGTECHNOLOGICA
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### Note:

If you copy and paste the dictionary words into your program while testing, please make sure that you have removed any additional white spaces and newline characters that might appear due to the copy and paste (if any).

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Select Language: C++

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```
1 #include <cmath>
2 #include <cstdio>
3 #include <vector>
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include <algorithm>
6 using namespace std;
7
8
9 int main() {
10     /* Enter your code here. Read input from STDIN. Print output to STDOUT */
11     return 0;
12 }
13
```

Line: 1 Col: 1 Count: 227

☐ Use a custom test case

 Upload Code as File

Compile & Test

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