In Python, a single-line for loop, also known as a list comprehension, is a concise way to create lists. It allows you to iterate over elements and perform an operation on each element in a single line of code. The basic syntax is as follows:

[expression for item in iterable]

Here's a breakdown of the components:

- expression: The operation or transformation to be performed on each item.
- item: The variable that represents each element in the iterable.
- iterable: The sequence of elements you want to iterate over (e.g., a list, tuple, or string).
- For example, suppose you want to create a list of the squares of numbers from 0 to 4 using a single-line for loop:

```
squares = [x^**2 \text{ for } x \text{ in range}(5)]
```

This is equivalent to the following traditional for loop:

```
squares = []
for x in range(5):
    squares.append(x**2)
```

Both versions result in the list [0, 1, 4, 9, 16], but the single-line for loop is more concise.

You can also include conditional statements in a single-line for loop to filter elements. For instance, if you only want to include even squares:

```
even_squares = [x^**2 \text{ for x in range}(5) \text{ if x } \% 2 == 0]
```

This would result in the list [0, 4, 16]