



Collection-Based Looping

Collection-based looping

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']

for subject in subject_list:
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT

M
E
C
C
P

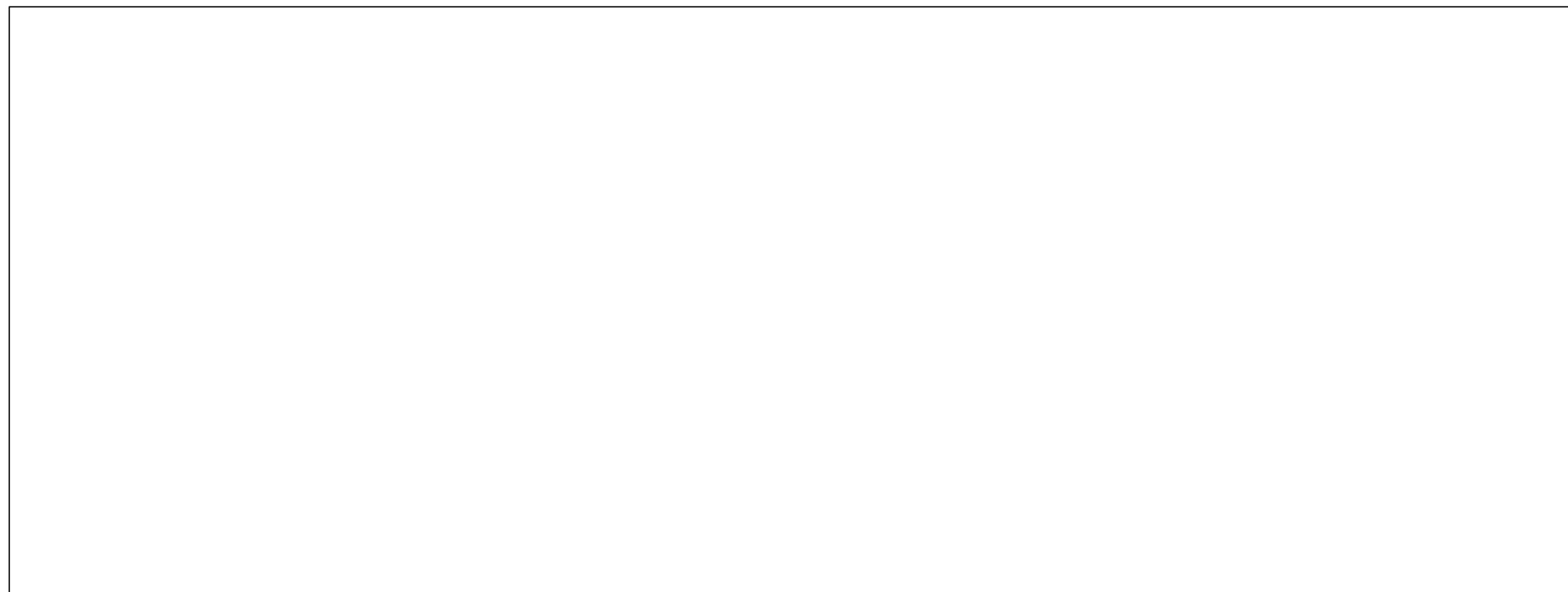
EXPLANATION

Hopefully this perspective provides more clarity!

Collection-based looping (Iter #1)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']  
for subject in subject_list:  
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT



EXPLANATION

In the first iteration, the 1st element in subject_list is stored as the variable subject

Collection-based looping (Iter #1)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']

for subject in subject_list:
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT

EXPLANATION

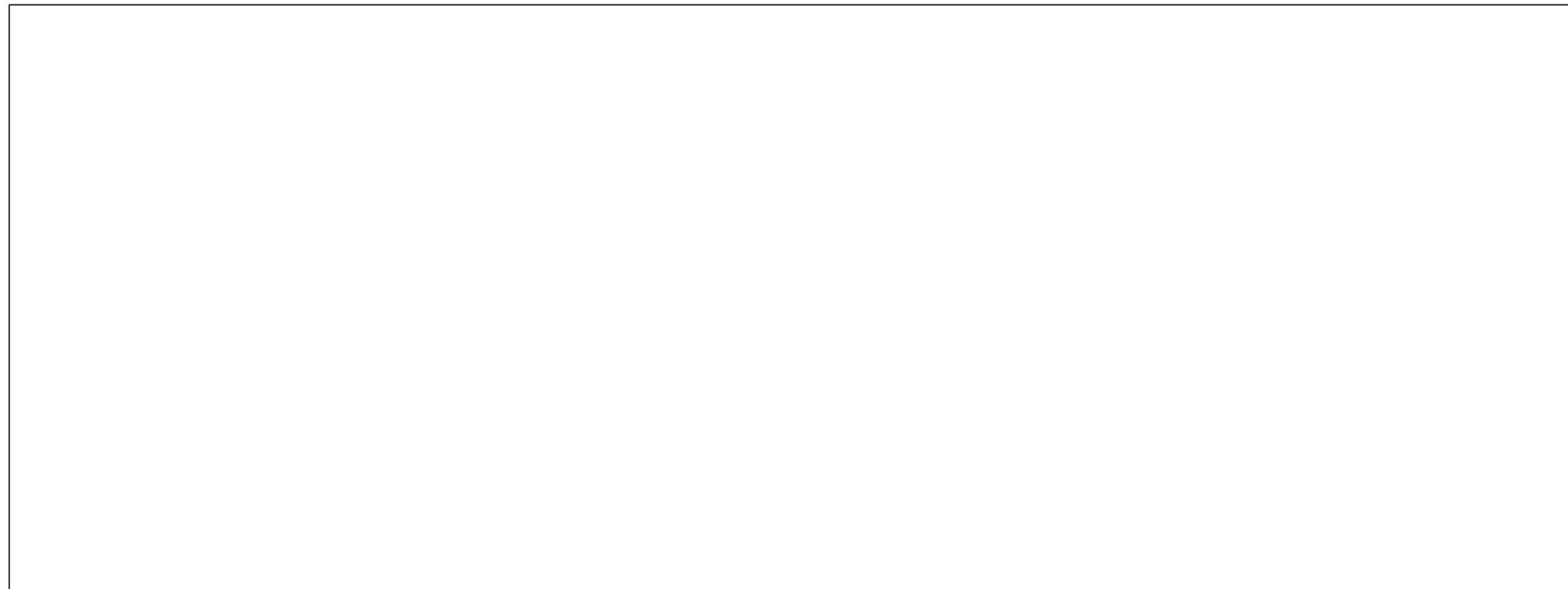
The variable subject is used in the following line (the indentation shows that the following line is under the for loop)

Collection-based looping (Iter #1)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']

for subject in subject_list:
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT



EXPLANATION

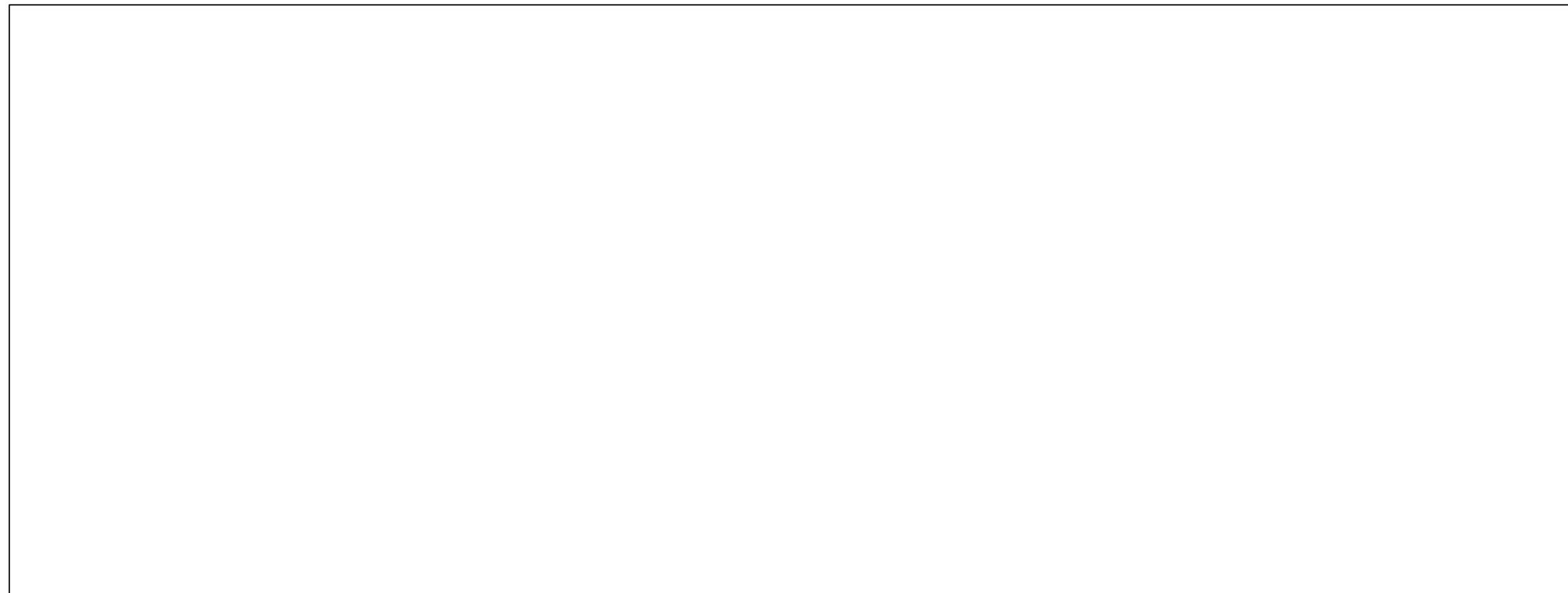
To understand what [0] does to the variable subject, let's replace the variable subject with the first element in the list

Collection-based looping (Iter #1)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']

for subject in subject_list:
    print('Math'[0])
```

OUTPUT



EXPLANATION

Now that we have replaced subject with '**Math**'. We know from the concept of string slicing/indexing that the first character in the string will be printed

Collection-based looping (Iter #1)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']

for subject in subject_list:
    print('Math'[0])
```

OUTPUT

M

EXPLANATION

Therefore, the first letter of 'Math' is printed.

Let's now move to the 2nd iteration.

Collection-based looping (Iter #2)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']  
for subject in subject_list:  
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT

M

EXPLANATION

In the second iteration, the 2nd element in subject_list is stored as the variable subject

Collection-based looping (Iter #2)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']

for subject in subject_list:
    print('English'[0])
```

OUTPUT

M

EXPLANATION

Let's now replace the variable subject with the second element in the list.

Collection-based looping (Iter #2)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']

for subject in subject_list:
    print('English'[0])
```

OUTPUT

M
E

EXPLANATION

This time, the first letter of 'English' is printed

Collection-based looping (Iter #3)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', ''Chinese'', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']  
for subject in subject_list:  
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT

M
E

EXPLANATION

In the third iteration, the 3rd element in subject_list is stored as the variable subject

Collection-based looping (Iter #3)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']

for subject in subject_list:
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT

```
M  
E  
C
```

EXPLANATION

This time, the first letter of 'Chinese' is printed

Collection-based looping (Iter #4)

```
subject_list = [ 'Math' , 'English' , 'Chinese' , 'Chemistry' , 'Physics' ]  
for subject in subject_list:  
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT

M
E
C

EXPLANATION

In the third iteration, the 4th element in subject_list is stored as the variable subject

Collection-based looping (Iter #4)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']

for subject in subject_list:
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT

```
M  
E  
C  
C
```

EXPLANATION

This time, the first letter of 'Chemistry' is printed

Collection-based looping (Iter #5)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']  
for subject in subject_list:  
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT

M
E
C
C

EXPLANATION

In the third iteration, the 5th element in subject_list is stored as the variable subject

Collection-based looping (Iter #5)

```
subject_list = ['Math', 'English', 'Chinese', 'Chemistry', 'Physics']

for subject in subject_list:
    print(subject[0])
```

OUTPUT

```
M  
E  
C  
C  
P
```

EXPLANATION

This time, the first letter of 'Physics' is printed