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## What are Strings?

In Python, a **string** is a sequence of characters. Strings are used to represent text data and are one of the most common data types you'll work with.

### Key Characteristics:

- **Ordered:** Characters in a string have a defined order, and you can access them by their position (index).
- **Immutable:** Once a string is created, it cannot be changed. Any operation that seems to modify a string actually creates a *new* string.
- **Sequence:** Strings are sequences, similar to lists and tuples, allowing you to iterate over their characters.
- **Created using quotes:** Strings can be enclosed in single quotes ('...'), double quotes ("..."), or triple quotes (''''...''' or """..."""). Triple quotes are useful for multiline strings.

### Common Uses:

Strings are fundamental for handling textual information in Python, used for:

- Storing names, messages, and other text-based data.
- Working with file paths and URLs.
- Representing and manipulating data read from files or user input.
- Formatting output.

## Syntax

### Creating Strings

Strings can be created using single, double, or triple quotes.

```
In [1]: # Using single quotes
single_quoted_string = 'Hello'
print(single_quoted_string)
print(type(single_quoted_string))
```

Hello  
<class 'str'>

```
In [2]: # Using double quotes
double_quoted_string = "World"
print(double_quoted_string)
print(type(double_quoted_string))
```

World  
<class 'str'>

```
In [3]: # Using triple single quotes for multiline strings
multiline_string_single = '''This is a
multiline
string using triple single quotes.'''
print(multiline_string_single)
```

This is a
multiline
string using triple single quotes.

```
In [4]: # Using triple double quotes for multiline strings
multiline_string_double = """This is another
multiline
string using triple double quotes."""
print(multiline_string_double)
print(type(multiline_string_double))
```

This is another
multiline
string using triple double quotes.  
<class 'str'>

```
In [5]: # Including quotes within a string
string_with_quotes1 = "He said, 'Hello!'"
```

```
string_with_quotes2 = 'She said, "Hi!"'
```

```
string_with_quotes3 = 'It\'s a sunny day.' # Using escape character
```

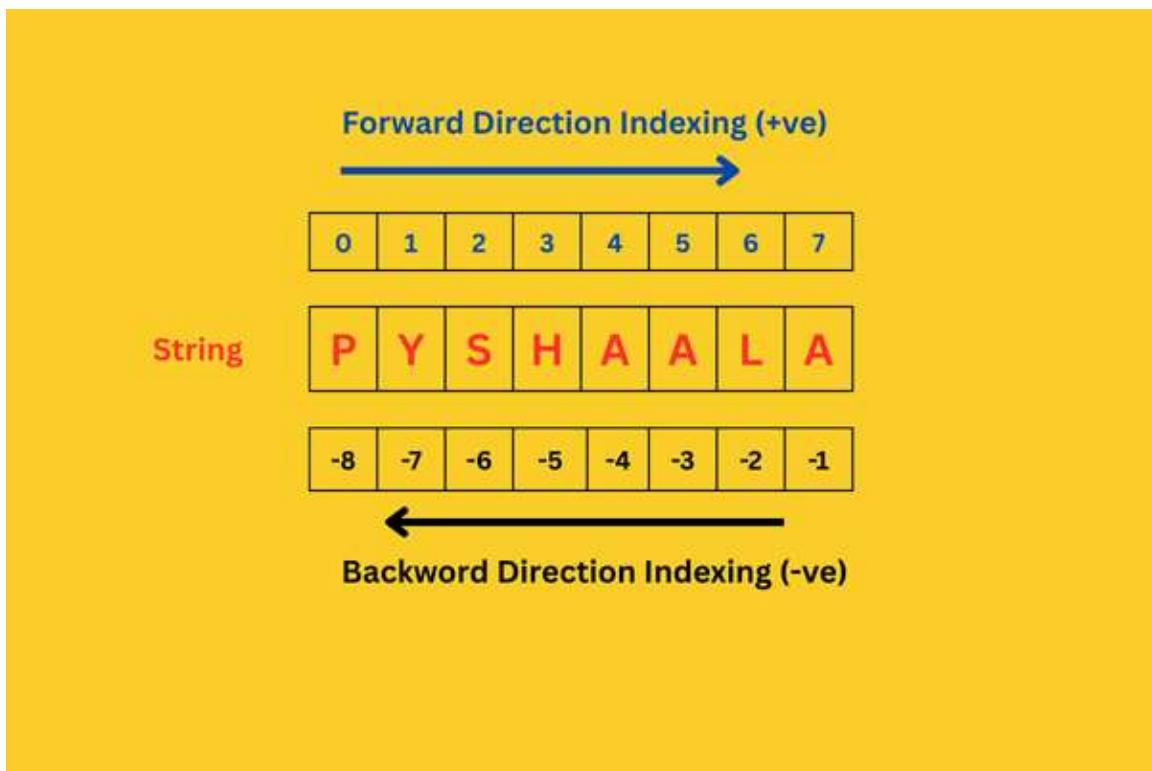
```
print(string_with_quotes1)
print(string_with_quotes2)
print(string_with_quotes3)
```

He said, 'Hello!'
She said, "Hi!"
It's a sunny day.

## Accessing String Elements

You can access individual characters or a range of characters in a string using **indexing** and **slicing**, similar to lists.

- **Indexing:** Accessing a single character using its position (index).
  - Positive indexing starts from `0` for the first character.
  - Negative indexing starts from `-1` for the last character.



```
In [6]: string = "PYSHAALA"
# Accessing elements using positive indexing
# print(string[3])

# Accessing elements using negative indexing
print(string[-4])
```

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- **Slicing:** Accessing a sequence of characters using a range of indices. The syntax is `string[start:stop:step]`.
  - `start` : From where we have to consider slice (inclusive). Defaults to the beginning of the string.
  - `stop` : We have to terminate the slice(substring) at the stop-1 (exclusive). Defaults to the end of the string.
  - `step` : The step size for slicing. Defaults to `1`.



- Behaviour of Slice operator:

```
string[start:stop:step]
step : value either +ve or -ve .
```

- if +ve then it should be forward direction(left to right) and we have to consider start to end-1.
- if -ve then it should be backward direction(right to left) and we have to consider start to end+1

```
In [7]: my_string = 'pyshaala'
print(' 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7')
print(' p  y  s  h  a  a  l  a')
print(' -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1')
```

```
0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7
p  y  s  h  a  a  l  a
-8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1
```

Note: stop

- In the backward direction if stop value is -1 then result is always empty.
- In the forward direction if stop value is 0 then result is always empty.

```
In [8]: s = "pyshaala"
# In the backward direction if stop value is -1 then result is always empty.
print(s[4:-1:-1]) # empty
# In the forward direction if stop value is 0 then result is always empty.
print(s[2:0:1])   # empty
```

**Quick Rule:**

- Backward (- step) → stop = -1 → always empty.
- Forward (+ step) → stop = 0 → always empty.

```
In [32]: my_string = 'pyshaala'
print(f' 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7')
print(f' p y s h a a l a')
print(f'-8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1')
# Accessing elements using slicing
my_string = 'pyshaala'
print("Characters from index 0 to 6 (exclusive):", my_string[0:6])
print("Characters from index 7 to the end:", my_string[7:])
print("Characters from the beginning to index 6 (exclusive):", my_string[:6])
print("Every second character:", my_string[::-2])
print("Reverse the string:", my_string[::-1])

# Trying to modify a string (will cause an error)
try:
    my_string[0] = 'J'
except TypeError as e:
    print(f"Error when trying to modify string: {e}")
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
p y s h a a l a
-8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1
Characters from index 0 to 6 (exclusive): pysha
Characters from index 7 to the end: a
Characters from the beginning to index 6 (exclusive): pysha
Every second character: aahy
Reverse the string: alaahsyp
Error when trying to modify string: 'str' object does not support item assignment
```



## Real-Life Examples

Strings are used in countless real-world programming scenarios to handle and process text data. Here are a few examples demonstrating common uses of strings.

```
In [10]: # Example 1: Email Address Parsing

# This example demonstrates splitting a string (email address) into parts.

email = "user.name@example.com"
print(f"Original email: {email}")

# Split the email address at the "@" symbol
parts = email.split("@")
print(f'Parts:{parts}')
username = parts[0]
domain = parts[1]

print(f"Username: {username}")
print(f"Domain: {domain}")
```

```
# Check if the domain ends with ".com"
if domain.endswith(".com"):
    print("Domain ends with .com")
else:
    print("Domain does not end with .com")

# Replace the domain
new_email = email.replace("example.com", "newdomain.org")
print(f"New email after replacing domain: {new_email}")
```

Original email: user.name@example.com  
 Parts: ['user.name', 'example.com']  
 Username: user.name  
 Domain: example.com  
 Domain ends with .com  
 New email after replacing domain: user.name@newdomain.org

## String Formatting (f-strings, .format(), % formatting)

Formatting inserts variables into strings:

- **% formatting**: Old style, like C's printf.
- **.format()**: More flexible, positional or named.
- **f-strings**: Modern (Python 3.6+), fastest and readable.

Use f-strings for new code.

```
In [33]: name = "PyShaala"
subs = 1000

# % formatting
print("Welcome to %s! Subs: %d" % (name, subs)) # 'Welcome to PyShaala! Subs: 1000

# .format()
print("formart2 :Welcome to {}! Subs: {}".format(name, subs)) # Same as above
print("Welcome to {channel}! Subs: {}".format(channel=name, count=subs)) # Na

# f-strings
print(f"Welcome to {name}! Subs: {subs}") # Same
print(f"Subs doubled: {subs * 2}") # With expressions
```

Welcome to PyShaala! Subs: 1000  
 formart2 :Welcome to PyShaala! Subs: 1000  
 Welcome to PyShaala! Subs: 1000  
 Welcome to PyShaala! Subs: 1000  
 Subs doubled: 2000

```
In [12]: # Example 2: Formatting Data for Output

# This example shows how to format string output using f-strings and rounding.

product = "Laptop"
price = 1200.50
```

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quantity = 3
total = price * quantity

print("--- Order Summary ---")

# Using f-strings to format output
print(f"Product: {product}")
print(f"Price per item: ${price:.2f}") # Format price to 2 decimal places
print(f"Quantity: {quantity}")
print(f"Total Cost: ${total:.2f}") # Format total to 2 decimal places

# Another formatting example
city = "New York"
temp = 72.567
print(f"The temperature in {city} is {temp:.1f}°F.") # Round temperature to 1 decimal place

```

```

--- Order Summary ---
Product: Laptop
Price per item: $1200.50
Quantity: 3
Total Cost: $3601.50
The temperature in New York is 72.6°F.

```

In [13]: # Example 3: Processing User Input

```

# This example demonstrates cleaning and validating user input.

user_input = input("Enter your name (or leave blank): ")
print(f'User Input:{user_input}')
# Remove Leading/trailing whitespace
cleaned_input = user_input.strip()
print(f"Cleaned input: '{cleaned_input}'"

# Check if the input is empty after stripping whitespace
if not cleaned_input:
    print("Name was not entered.")
else:
    # Capitalize the first letter of each word
    formatted_name = cleaned_input.title()
    print(f"Formatted name: {formatted_name}")

    # Check if the name contains only alphabetic characters
    if formatted_name.replace(" ", "").isalpha():
        print("Name contains only alphabetic characters.")
    else:
        print("Name contains non-alphabetic characters.")

```

```

User Input:pyshaala
Cleaned input: 'pyshaala'
Formatted name: Pyshaala
Name contains only alphabetic characters.

```



## String Operations (Concatenation, Repetition, Membership)

Common operations:

- **Concatenation:** Using `+` to join strings.
- **Repetition:** Using `*` to repeat strings.
- **Membership:** `in` or `not in` to check if a substring exists.

These are efficient for building dynamic text, like generating reports.

```
In [34]: # Concatenation
str1 = "Hello"
str2 = 'Pyshaala!'
greeting = str1 + ' ' + str2

print(str1 + ' ' + str2) # 'Hello PyShaLa!'

# Repetition
stars = "*" * 5
print(stars) # '*****'

# Membership
print("Py" in greeting)    # True
print("Java" not in greeting) # True
```

Hello Pyshaala!

\*\*\*\*\*

True

True



## String Methods (Functions)

Python strings come with a rich set of built-in methods that allow you to perform various operations, such as changing case, searching, replacing, splitting, and joining. These methods return *new* strings because strings are immutable.

Here are some of the most commonly used and useful string methods:

- `.lower()` : Converts the string to lowercase.
- `.upper()` : Converts the string to uppercase.
- `.strip()` : Removes leading and trailing whitespace.
- `.replace(old, new)` : Returns a new string with all occurrences of `old` replaced by `new`.
- `.split(separator)` : Splits the string into a list of substrings using the specified separator. If no separator is given, it splits by whitespace.
- `.join(iterable)` : Concatenates the elements of an iterable (like a list of strings) into a single string, using the string the method is called on as the separator.
- `.find(substring)` : Returns the lowest index in the string where the substring is found. Returns -1 if not found.
- `.index(substring)` : Similar to `find()`, but raises a `ValueError` if the substring is not found.

- `.startswith(prefix)` : Returns `True` if the string starts with the specified prefix.
- `.endswith(suffix)` : Returns `True` if the string ends with the specified suffix.
- `.isalpha()` : Returns `True` if all characters in the string are alphabetic.
- `.isdigit()` : Returns `True` if all characters in the string are digits.
- `.isalnum()` : Returns `True` if all characters are alphanumeric (letters or numbers).
- `.isspace()` : Returns `True` if the string contains only whitespace characters.
- `.title()` : Returns a titlecased version of the string, where words start with an uppercase character and the rest are lowercase.
- `.count(substring)` : Returns the number of occurrences of a substring in the string.
- `.len()` : (Note: `len()` is a built-in function, not a string method, but commonly used with strings) Returns the length of the string.

```
In [15]: # Lower(): Converts the string to Lowercase.  
# upper(): Converts the string to uppercase.  
# title(): Returns a titlecased version of the string, where words start with an up  
# Examples of common string methods
```

```
my_string = " Hello, Python World! "  
print(f"Original string: '{my_string}'")  
  
# Case conversion  
print(f"Lowercase: '{my_string.lower()}'")  
print(f"Uppercase: '{my_string.upper()}'")  
print(f"Titlecase: '{my_string.title()}'")
```

```
Original string: ' Hello, Python World! '  
Lowercase: ' hello, python world! '  
Uppercase: ' HELLO, PYTHON WORLD! '  
Titlecase: ' Hello, Python World! '
```

```
In [16]: # strip(): Removes Leading and trailing whitespace.  
# Stripping whitespace  
stripped_string = my_string.strip()  
print(f"Stripped: '{stripped_string}'")
```

```
Stripped: 'Hello, Python World!'
```

```
In [17]: # replace(old, new): Returns a new string with all occurrences of `old` replaced by  
# Replacing substrings  
stripped_string = "Python new my Python"  
  
replaced_string = stripped_string.replace("Python", "Java")  
print(f"Replaced: '{replaced_string}'")
```

```
Replaced: 'Java new my Java'
```

```
In [18]: # split(separator): Splits the string into a list of substrings using the specified  
# Splitting strings  
sentence = "Python is easy to learn"  
words = sentence.split() # Split by whitespace  
print(f"Words (split by space): {words}")  
  
csv_data = "apple,banana,cherry,date"
```

```
fruits = csv_data.split(",") # Split by comma
print(f"Fruits (split by comma): {fruits}")
```

Words (split by space): ['Python', 'is', 'easy', 'to', 'learn']  
 Fruits (split by comma): ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'date']

In [19]:

```
# join(iterable): Concatenates the elements of an iterable (like a list of strings)
# Joining strings
words_list = ["This", "is", "a", "list", "of", "words."]
joined_sentence = " ".join(words_list) # Join with space
print(f"Joined with space: '{joined_sentence}'")

hyphenated_word = "-".join(["my", "variable", "name"]) # Join with hyphen
print(f"Joined with hyphen: '{hyphenated_word}'")
```

Joined with space: 'This is a list of words.'  
 Joined with hyphen: 'my-variable-name'

In [35]:

```
# find(substring): Returns the lowest index in the string where the substring is found
# index(substring): Similar to find() but raises a `ValueError` if the substring is not found

# Searching for substrings
search_string = "Python programming is fun."
print(f"String to search in: '{search_string}'")
print(f"Index of 'Python': {search_string.find('Python')}")
print(f"Index of 'java': {search_string.find('java')}") # Returns -1 if not found

try:
    print(f"Index of 'Java': {search_string.index('Java')}") # Will raise ValueError
except ValueError as e:
    print(f"Error using index() for 'Java': {e}")
```

String to search in: 'Python programming is fun.'

Index of 'Python': 0  
 Index of 'java': -1  
 Error using index() for 'Java': substring not found

In [21]:

```
# startswith(prefix): Returns `True` if the string starts with the specified prefix
# endswith(suffix): Returns `True` if the string ends with the specified suffix.
print(f"Does it start with 'Python'??: {search_string.startswith('Python')}")
print(f"Does it end with 'fun.'??: {search_string.endswith('fun.')}")
print(f"Does it end with 'boring'??: {search_string.endswith('boring')}"
```

Does it start with 'Python'??: True  
 Does it end with 'fun.'??: True  
 Does it end with 'boring'??: False

In [22]:

```
# isalpha(): Returns `True` if all characters in the string are alphabetic.
# isdigit(): Returns `True` if all characters in the string are digits.
# isalnum(): Returns `True` if all characters are alphanumeric (letters or numbers)
# isspace(): Returns `True` if the string contains only whitespace characters.

# Checking string content
check_string1 = "HelloWorld"
check_string2 = ""
check_string3 = "12345@"
check_string4 = "Python"
```

```
print(f"'{check_string1}' is alphanumeric?: {check_string1.isalnum()}")
print(f"'{check_string2}' is space?: {check_string2.isspace()}")
print(f"'{check_string3}' is digit?: {check_string3.isdigit()}")
print(f"'{check_string4}' is alphabetic?: {check_string4.isalpha()}")
```

```
'HelloWorld' is alphanumeric?: True
'' is space?: False
'12345@' is digit?: False
'Python' is alphabetic?: True
```

In [23]:

```
# count(substring): Returns the number of occurrences of a substring in the string.
# Counting substrings
count_string = "banana"
print(f"Number of 'a' in '{count_string}': {count_string.count('b')}")
```

```
Number of 'a' in 'banana': 1
```

In [24]:

```
# Len(): (Note: len() is a built-in function, not a string method, but commonly used)
# Getting string length using len() function
my_string = 'pyshaala'
print(f"Length of '{my_string}': {len(my_string)}")
```

```
Length of 'pyshaala': 8
```

## Advanced Concepts (Escape sequences, Raw strings, Unicode)

- **Escape sequences:** Special chars like `\n` (newline), `\t` (tab), `\\"` (backslash).
- **Raw strings:** Prefix `r` to ignore escapes, useful for regex or paths.
- **Unicode:** Strings support Unicode (e.g., emojis, non-ASCII). Use `\u` for codes.

Handle carefully in file paths or international text.

In [25]:

```
# Escape sequences
# print("Line1\nLine2\tTabbed") # Line1 (newLine) Line2 (tab) Tabbed
# print("Backslash: \\") # Backslash: \\\

# Raw strings
print(r"C:\new\folder") # C:\new\folder (no escape interpretation)

# Unicode
print("Emoji: \U0001F600") # Emoji: 😊
print("\u2764 PyShaala") # ❤ PyShaala
```

```
C:\new\folder
Emoji: 😊
❤ PyShaala
```

## Do's and Don'ts

Here are some important things to remember when working with Python strings:

### Do's

- **Do** use clear and consistent quoting styles (single or double quotes) within your projects.
- **Do** use triple quotes for multiline strings or when your string contains both single and double quotes.
- **Do** use f-strings (formatted string literals) for easy and readable string formatting.
- **Do** use string methods (like `.lower()`, `.upper()`, `.strip()`, `.split()`, `.replace()`) for common string manipulations, as they are generally efficient.
- **Do** check if a substring exists in a string using the `in` keyword (e.g., `'sub' in my_string`).
- **Do** be mindful that string operations often create new string objects due to their immutability.

## Don'ts

- **Don't** try to modify a string in place; remember they are immutable. Operations like `my_string[0] = 'H'` will raise a `TypeError`.
- **Don't** build strings using repeated concatenation with the `+` operator in loops, especially for many small strings. This can be inefficient. Use `.join()` or f-strings instead.
- **Don't** use outdated string formatting methods (like `%` formatting or `.format()`) if f-strings are sufficient for your needs, as f-strings are generally more readable and faster.
- **Don't** assume string comparisons are case-insensitive unless you explicitly convert both strings to the same case (e.g., using `.lower()`).

```
In [36]: s1 = 'python'
          s2 = 'PYTHON'
          s1 == s2
          s1 == s2.lower()
```

Out[36]: True

## Practice Exercises

Test your understanding of Python strings and their methods with the following exercises. Write your code in the cells below each problem description.

### Exercise 1: Basic String Manipulation

1. Create a string variable `greeting` with the value "Hello, World!".
2. Use the `.strip()` method to remove leading and trailing whitespace from `greeting` and print the result.
3. Use the `.upper()` method to convert the stripped string to uppercase and print it.

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4. Use the `.replace()` method to replace "World" with "Python" in the stripped string and print the result.
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## Exercise 2: String Splitting and Joining

1. Create a string variable `sentence` with the value "Python programming is fun and useful".
  2. Use the `.split()` method to split the `sentence` into a list of words and print the list.
  3. Join the list of words back into a single string, but this time use a hyphen `-` as the separator. Print the resulting string.
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## Exercise 3: String Searching and Checking

1. Create a string variable `data_string` with the value "Data Analysis with Python 3.9".
  2. Use the `.find()` method to find the index of the substring "Python" in `data_string` and print the index.
  3. Check if `data_string` starts with "Data" using `.startswith()` and print the boolean result.
  4. Check if `data_string` ends with "3.9" using `.endswith()` and print the boolean result.
  5. Check if the string "123" contains only digits using `.isdigit()` and print the result.
  6. Check if the string "HelloWorld" contains only alphabetic characters using `.isalpha()` and print the result.
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## Exercise 4: String Formatting

1. Create variables `item = "Book"`, `price = 19.99`, and `discount = 0.15`.
  2. Calculate the discounted price: `discounted_price = price * (1 - discount)`.
  3. Use an f-string to print a formatted message like: "The price of [item] after a 15% discount is \${discounted\_price rounded to 2 decimal places}."
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## Exercise 5: Counting and Length

1. Create a string variable `sample_text = "This is a sample text. This text is for sampling."`.
2. Use the `.count()` method to find how many times the word "text" appears in `sample_text` and print the count.
3. Use the `len()` function to find the total number of characters in `sample_text` and print the length.

In [ ]:

## Solutions

Here are the solutions to the practice exercises. Try to solve them yourself before looking at the solutions!

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### Exercise 1 Solution: Basic String Manipulation

```
In [27]: # Exercise 1 Solution: Basic String Manipulation

greeting = " Hello, World! "

# 2. Use the .strip() method
stripped_greeting = greeting.strip()
print(f"Stripped string: '{stripped_greeting}'")

# 3. Use the .upper() method
uppercase_greeting = stripped_greeting.upper()
print(f"Uppercase string: '{uppercase_greeting}'")

# 4. Use the .replace() method
replaced_greeting = stripped_greeting.replace("World", "Python")
print(f"Replaced string: '{replaced_greeting}'")
```

Stripped string: 'Hello, World!'  
 Uppercase string: 'HELLO, WORLD!'  
 Replaced string: 'Hello, Python!'

### Exercise 2 Solution: String Splitting and Joining

```
In [28]: # Exercise 2 Solution: String Splitting and Joining

sentence = "Python programming is fun and useful"

# 2. Use the .split() method
words = sentence.split()
print(f"List of words: {words}")

# 3. Join the list of words back into a single string with hyphen
```

```
hyphenated_sentence = "-".join(words)
print(f"Joined with hyphen: '{hyphenated_sentence}'")
```

List of words: ['Python', 'programming', 'is', 'fun', 'and', 'useful']  
Joined with hyphen: 'Python-programming-is-fun-and-useful'

## Exercise 3 Solution: String Searching and Checking

```
In [29]: # Exercise 3 Solution: String Searching and Checking

data_string = "Data Analysis with Python 3.9"

# 2. Use the .find() method
python_index = data_string.find("Python")
print(f"Index of 'Python': {python_index}")

# 3. Check if it starts with "Data"
starts_with_data = data_string.startswith("Data")
print(f"Starts with 'Data'??: {starts_with_data}")

# 4. Check if it ends with "3.9"
ends_with_version = data_string.endswith("3.9")
print(f"Ends with '3.9'??: {ends_with_version}")

# 5. Check if "123" contains only digits
string_of_digits = "123"
is_digit_string = string_of_digits.isdigit()
print(f"'{string_of_digits}' is digit only??: {is_digit_string}")

# 6. Check if "HelloWorld" contains only alphabetic characters
alpha_string = "HelloWorld"
is_alpha_string = alpha_string.isalpha()
print(f"'{alpha_string}' is alphabetic only??: {is_alpha_string}")
```

Index of 'Python': 19  
Starts with 'Data'??: True  
Ends with '3.9'??: True  
'123' is digit only??: True  
'HelloWorld' is alphabetic only??: True

## Exercise 4 Solution: String Formatting

```
In [30]: # Exercise 4 Solution: String Formatting

item = "Book"
price = 19.99
discount = 0.15

# 2. Calculate the discounted price
discounted_price = price * (1 - discount)

# 3. Use an f-string to print a formatted message
print(f"The price of {item} after a {discount*100:.0f}% discount is ${discounted_pr")
```

The price of Book after a 15% discount is \$16.99.

## Exercise 5 Solution: Counting and Length

```
In [31]: # Exercise 5 Solution: Counting and Length

sample_text = "This is a sample text. This text is for sampling."

# 2. Use the .count() method
text_count = sample_text.count("text")
print(f"Number of times 'text' appears: {text_count}")

# 3. Use the len() function
text_length = len(sample_text)
print(f"Total number of characters: {text_length}")
```

Number of times 'text' appears: 2

Total number of characters: 49

Total number of characters: 49

## ✨ Summary

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## 💡 Interview Question

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 Basic Level

1. What is a string in Python and how is it defined?
2. How to create multi-line strings?

3. Difference between single quotes, double quotes, and triple quotes in strings.
4. How to find the length of a string?
5. How to access individual characters in a string?
6. How to perform string slicing in Python?
7. Are Python strings mutable or immutable? Explain.
8. How to concatenate two or more strings?
9. How to repeat a string multiple times?
10. How to check if a substring exists within a string?

### Intermediate Level

1. Explain the difference between `find()` and `index()` methods.
2. How to remove spaces or specific characters from a string? (`strip()`, `lstrip()`, `rstrip()`)
3. How to change case of strings (`upper()`, `lower()`, `title()`, `capitalize()`)?
4. How to replace parts of a string using `replace()`?
5. How to split and join strings in Python?
6. How to check if a string starts or ends with a certain substring?
7. How to count occurrences of a substring in a string?
8. How to check if a string contains only digits, alphabets, or alphanumeric characters?  
(`isdigit()`, `isalpha()`, `isalnum()`)
9. How to pad strings with a specific character? (`zfill()`, `ljust()`, `rjust()`)
10. How to center-align a string?

### Advanced / Tricky Level

1. What are raw strings in Python?
2. How to reverse a string?
3. How to remove punctuation from a string?
4. How to check if a string is a palindrome?
5. How to format strings using f-strings, `format()`, and % formatting?
6. How to use string translation (`maketrans()`, `translate()`) in Python?
7. How to encode and decode strings in Python?
8. How to search for patterns in strings using regex? (re module)
9. How to convert a list of characters into a string?
10. How to efficiently concatenate large numbers of strings? (`join()` vs `+`)