Dictionaries in Python

A dictionary in Python is a collection of **key-value pairs**. Each key in a dictionary is associated with a value, and you can retrieve or manipulate data using the key. Unlike lists and tuples, dictionaries are **unordered** and **mutable** (changeable).

1. Creating a Dictionary

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@ Example:

Let's create a dictionary of famous cities in Karnataka and their popular dishes.

```
karnataka_food = {
    "Bengaluru": "Bisi Be
    "Mysuru": "Mysore Pak
    "Mangaluru": "Neer Do
}
```

2. Accessing Dictionary Elements

To access the values stored in a dictionary, you use the key.

Example:

print(karnataka_food["Mys

You can also use the get() method to access values, which is safer because it doesn't throw an error if the key doesn't exist.

3. Adding and Updating Dictionary Elements

You can add new key-value pairs or update existing values in a dictionary.

Adding an Item:

karnataka_food["Shivamogg C
print(karnataka_food)

Updating an Item:

karnataka_food["Bengaluru 🗗

4. Removing Elements from a Dictionary

You can remove items from a dictionary using several methods:

 pop(): Removes the specified key and returns the associated value.

 del: Removes the specified key.

clear(): Empties the dictionary.

∂ 5. Dictionary Methods

Here are some common methods available for dictionaries:

 keys(): Returns all the keys in the dictionary.

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print(karnataka_food. 🗗
```

 values(): Returns all the values in the dictionary.

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print(karnataka_food. 🗗
```

 items(): Returns key-value pairs as tuples.

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print(karnataka_food. 🗗
```

 update(): Updates the dictionary with another dictionary or iterable.

6. Dictionary Characteristics

- Unordered: Dictionary keys are not stored in any particular order.
- Mutable: You can change, add, or remove items.
- Keys Must Be Immutable: Keys in a dictionary must be of a data type that is immutable, such as a string, number, or tuple.
- Unique Keys: A dictionary cannot have duplicate keys. If you try to add a duplicate key, the latest value will overwrite the previous one.

∂ Homework

1. Basic Dictionary Operations:

- Create a dictionary to store information about 5 cities in Karnataka and their famous dishes.
- Add a new city and its dish to the dictionary.
- Update the dish for Bengaluru.
- Remove one city from the dictionary.
- Use the keys() method to print all city names in the dictionary.
- Use the values() method to print all dishes in the dictionary.

Nested Dictionary Practice (Simple for now):

- Create a dictionary to store details of two of your friends, including their names, favorite subject, and favorite food.
- Access and print the favorite food of one friend.