

# Word Search II

Try to solve the Word Search II problem.

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## Statement

You are given a list of strings that you need to find in a 2D grid of letters such that the string can be constructed from letters in sequentially adjacent cells. The cells are considered sequentially adjacent when they are neighbors to each other either horizontally or vertically. The solution should return a list containing the strings from the input list that were found in the grid.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{rows, columns} \leq 12$
- $1 \leq \text{words.length} \leq 3 \times 10^3$
- $1 \leq \text{words[i].length} \leq 10$
- All the strings are unique.

**Note:** The order of the strings in the output does *not* matter.

## Examples

Words to search: [REINDEER, IN, RAIN]

C	O	L	I	M
I	N	L	M	O
A	L	I	E	O
R	T	A	S	N
S	I	T	A	C

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# Understand the problem

Let's take a moment to make sure you've correctly understood the problem. The quiz below helps you check if you're solving the correct problem:

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From the given list of words, which words are present in the grid?

O

A

A

C

E

T

A

E

I

H

K

S

I

Z

L

D

[OATH, PEA, EAT]

A) [EAT, OATH]

B) [EAT, PEA]

C) [OATH, PEA]

D) [PEA]

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## Figure it out!

We have a game for you to play. Rearrange the logical building blocks to develop a clearer understanding of how to solve this problem.

Drag and drop the cards to rearrange them in the correct sequence.

Insert all the input strings in the trie.

Search through the grid cells, looking in all four possible adjacent directions to see if there is a string in the input

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strings that starts with a letter in the cell.

Using trie, for each cell in the grid, check if the traversed sequence of letters matches any string in the input strings.

If the sequence matches a string in the input strings, include it in the result list.

Return the result list.

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## Try it yourself

Implement your solution in **WordSearch.java** in the following coding playground. We have provided useful code templates in the other files that you may build on to solve this problem.

WordSearch.java

Trie.java

TrieNode.java

```
1 import java.util.*;
2 class WordSearch {
3     public static List<String> findStrings(char[][] grid, String[] words){
4         // grid is a 2D array of characters
5         // strings is the list of strings that we are searching for
6         // write your code here
7         // your code will replace the return place holder
8
9         return new ArrayList<String>();
10    }
11 }
12
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Test Cases

Results

Case 1

Case 2

Case 3

Input #1

[["C","S","L","I","M"],["O","I","L","M","O"],["O","L","I","E","O"],["R","T","A","S","N"],["S","I","T","A","C"]]

Input #2

["SLIME","SAILOR","MATCH","COCOON"]

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