

Lists: The Shopping Cart

Depict lists as a line of shopping carts at a supermarket:

Each cart (element) can hold different items

Carts can be rearranged (mutable)

Each cart has a number (index) showing its position in line

Can add/remove carts or swap their positions

Elaboration:

Example, carts or boxes labeled with numbers (0, 1, 2...)

Interactive Activity:

Place different items in each cart

Call out operations: "Add a new cart at position 2!" or "Remove the last cart!"

Rearrange the carts to show list operations

Examples:

```
shopping_list = ["milk", "eggs", "bread"]
```

```
shopping_list.append("cheese")    # Adding a new cart at the end
```

```
shopping_list.insert(1, "butter") # Adding a cart in position 1
```

```
shopping_list.pop()              # Removing the last cart
```

```
shopping_list[0] = "almond milk" # Changing what's in the first cart
```

Discussion Points:

"Why might we want to change our shopping list as we shop?" (Connecting to real-world mutability)

"What happens if we try to grab the item from cart #10 when we only have 3 carts?" (IndexError)

Tuples: The Museum Display Case

Each case contains various items (elements)

Cases are locked with "Do Not Touch" signs (immutable)

Each item has a position number (index)

You can try but, you will get an error when add something to a Tuple

Interactive Activity:

Decide what items to place in each "display case" before sealing

Once sealed, it can't be opened!

Compare with the shopping carts that could be modified

Show the difference between lists and tuples

```
days_list = ["Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday"]
```

```
days_tuple = ("Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday")
```

This works

```
days_list[0] = "Sunday"
```

This causes an error

try:

```
    days_tuple[0] = "Sunday" # TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

```
except TypeError as e:
```

```
print("Can't modify a sealed display case!")
```

Discussion Points:

"When would we want data that can't be changed?" (Constants, days of week, coordinates)

"Why might a museum put items in sealed cases?" (Protection, preservation - like protecting data integrity)

Dictionaries: The Locker

Place different items in each labeled locker

You can retrieve items by calling out the label, not position

Can add new lockers or change contents without affecting others

```
student_lockers = {  
    "Alex": ["textbook", "lunch", "gym clothes"],  
    "Taylor": ["notebook", "calculator", "water bottle"],  
    "Jordan": ["laptop", "headphones"]  
}
```

Finding items by name, not position

```
print(f"What's in Alex's locker? {student_lockers['Alex']}")
```

Adding a new locker

```
student_lockers["Morgan"] = ["art supplies", "snack"]
```

Changing what's in a locker

```
student_lockers["Taylor"] = ["project", "lunch"]
```

"Why is it easier to find something by name rather than remembering its position?"

"What happens if two lockers have the same name?" (Keys must be unique)

