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def first_word(text: str) -> str:
    new_text = text.replace(".", " ")
    new_text = new_text.replace(",", " ")
    new_text = new_text.strip(" ")
    result = new_text.split(" ")
    return result[0]

if __name__ == '__main__':
    print("Example:")
    print(first_word("Hello world"))

    # These "asserts" are used for self-checking and not for an auto-testing
    assert first_word("Hello world") == "Hello"
    assert first_word(" a word ") == "a"
    assert first_word("don't touch it") == "don't"
    assert first_word("greetings, friends") == "greetings"
    assert first_word("... and so on ...") == "and"
    assert first_word("hi") == "hi"
    assert first_word("Hello.World") == "Hello"
    print("Coding complete? Click 'Check' to earn cool rewards!")
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