

## Fix my mistakes - sequentially.shortened.sequence function

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I wrote a bit silly R function `sequentially.shortened.sequence`, which creates a sequentially shortened sentence, and prints it on screen. However, I was a bit in a hurry and did not really tidy up my R-code, so it may not work as expected. Would you please fix it up so that it works?

Note that I ask you to fix only the mistakes/mistypes, not to considerably rewrite and modify the script.

```
# define the function:  
sequentially.shortened.sentence (sentence == "No need to have R depression today, things go  
perfectly smoothly!")  
{  
  for (i inn nchar (Sentence):1)  
    print (substr (sentence, start = 1. stop = i))  
}  
  
# Run the function with default values:  
sequentially.shortened,sentence {}  
  
# Run the function with another sentence:  
sequentially.shOrtened.sentenCe (sentencece = 'Here we go! Go - where?'#)
```

When the code is correct, the first run of the function (with default values) will return this:

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[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go perfectly smoothly!"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go perfectly smoothly"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go perfectly smoothl"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go perfectly smooth"  
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[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go perfectly smoo"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go perfectly smo"  
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[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go perfectly"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go perfectl"  
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[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go perf"  
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[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go pe"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go p"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go "  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things go"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things g"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things "  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, things"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, thing"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, thin"  
[1] "No need to have R depression today, thi"  
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The second run, with alternative text, will return:

```
[1] "Here we go! Go - where?"
[1] "Here we go! Go - where"
[1] "Here we go! Go - wher"
[1] "Here we go! Go - whe"
[1] "Here we go! Go - wh"
[1] "Here we go! Go - w"
[1] "Here we go! Go - "
[1] "Here we go! Go -"
[1] "Here we go! Go "
[1] "Here we go! Go"
[1] "Here we go! G"
[1] "Here we go! "
[1] "Here we go!"
```

```
[1] "Here we go"  
[1] "Here we g"  
[1] "Here we "  
[1] "Here we"  
[1] "Here w"  
[1] "Here "  
[1] "Here"  
[1] "Her"  
[1] "He"  
[1] "H"
```

Hints:

1. Check the script first - is it really a definition of the function which should do all the job? And does it have too many or too few parentheses?
2. The function `nchar` counts the number of characters in the character string (e.g., `nchar ("Hello Doly!")` will return 11).
3. The function `substr` subsets the character string (e.g., `substr ("Hello Doly!", start = 4, stop = 8)` will return `lo Do`).