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You can see:

- These **slides** (to take a look back or go on ahead).
- A digital copy of your **workbook**.
- Help bits of text you can **copy and paste!**

There's also links to places where you can do more programming!

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**Start of Day Survey**  
and fill it in now!

Today's project!

Markov Chains!

# What is a Markov Chain?

A Markov chain is a simple Artificial Intelligence!

Let's play a game with some cups to help explain it



# Let's play the cups game!

Let's generate some text in the style of  
Green Eggs & Ham by Dr Seuss

Do you like green eggs and ham?

I do not like them, Sam-I-am.

I do not like green eggs and ham.

Would you like them here or there?

I would not like them here or there.

I would not like them anywhere.

# Let's play the cups game!

- Each cup is labelled with a word from Green Eggs and Ham
- Each cup contains the words that follow the label in Green Eggs and Ham

# Let's play the cups game!

Read the outside of your cup!

**If you hear** someone shout the word on the outside of your cup:

1. Pick a piece of paper from inside your cup
2. Shout out the word on the piece of paper
3. Put the piece of paper back in your cup



# Today we'll be making Markov Chains!

**Markov chains are exactly what we just did with the cups!**

**Today we'll make the computer do it too to make some crazy stories!!**

Here's one we made from some Shakespeare!

doth stay! All days when I compare thee to unseeing  
eyes be blessed made By chance, or eyes can see, For  
all the top of happy show thee in dark directed. Then  
thou, whose shadow shadows doth stay! All days when I  
compare thee in your self in inward worth nor outward  
fair, Can make bright, How would thy shade Through  
heavy sleep on the eye of life repair, Which this,  
Time's pencil, or my pupil pen, Neither in the living  
day, When in eternal lines of that fair from fair  
thou grow'st, So should the lines to a summer's day?



**Imagine if you used one of these to do your homework!!**

# Using the workbook!

The workbooks will help you put your project together!

Each **Part** of the workbook is made of tasks!

## Tasks - The parts of your project

Follow the tasks **in order** to make the project!

## Hints - Helpers for your tasks!

Stuck on a task, we might have given you a hint to help you **figure it out!**

The hints have **unrelated** examples, or tips. **Don't copy and paste** in the code, you'll end up with something **CRAZY!**

### Task 6.2: Add a blah to your code!

This has instructions on how to do a part of the project

1. **Start by doing this part**
2. **Then you can do this part**

### Task 6.1: Make the thing do blah!

Make your project do blah ....

#### *Hint*

A clue, an example or some extra information to help you **figure out** the answer.



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Check off before you move on from a **Part!** Do some bonuses while you wait!

## Checklist - Am I done yet?

Make sure you can tick off every box in this section before you go to the next Part.

## Lecture Markers

This tells you you'll find out how to do things for this section during the names lecture.

## Bonus Activities

Stuck waiting at a lecture marker? Try a purple bonus. They add extra functionality to your project along the way.



## CHECKPOINT



If you can tick all of these off you're ready to move the next part!

- Your program does blah
- Your program does blob



## ★ BONUS 4.3: Do some extra!

Something to try if you have spare time before the next lecture!



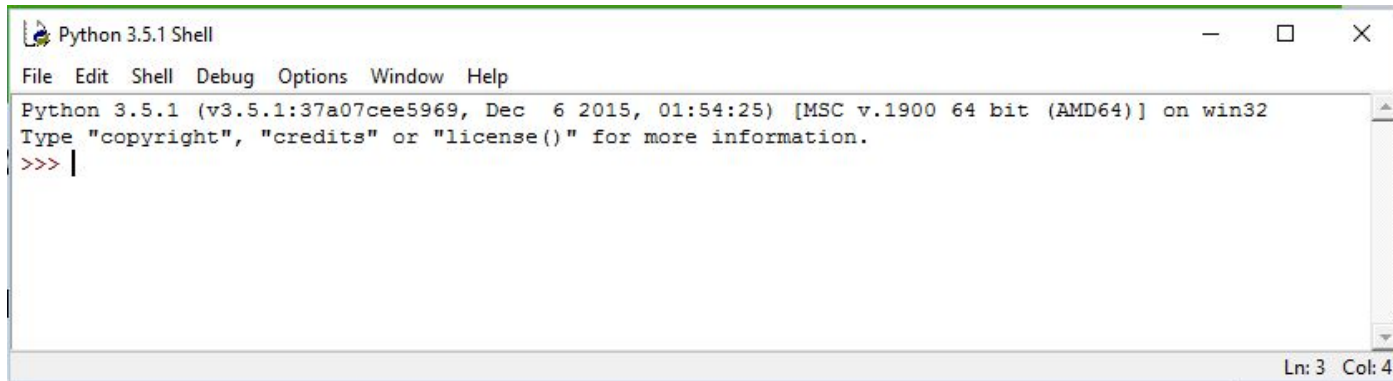
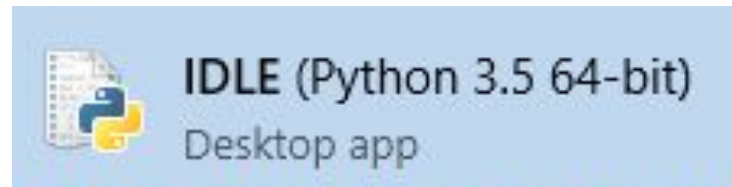
# Intro to Python

Let's get coding!

# Where do we program? In IDLE

Click the start button and type IDLE!

Make sure you click one that says **Python 3.x**

A screenshot of a Python 3.5.1 Shell window. The window title is "Python 3.5.1 Shell". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Shell", "Debug", "Options", "Window", and "Help". The main text area shows the following text: "Python 3.5.1 (v3.5.1:37a07cee5969, Dec 6 2015, 01:54:25) [MSC v.1900 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32", "Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license()' for more information.", and a prompt ">>> |". The status bar at the bottom right shows "Ln: 3 Col: 4".



# Make a mistake!

Type by **button mashing** the keyboard!  
Then press enter!

asdf asdjlkj;pa j;k4uroei

**Did you get a big red error message?**

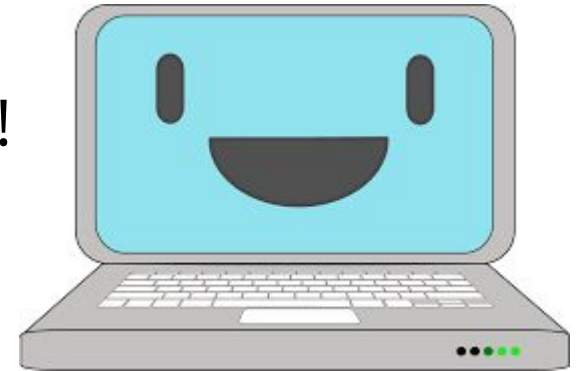
# Mistakes are great!

*SyntaxError:  
Invalid Syntax*

**Good work you made an error!**

*ImportError  
No module  
named humour*

- Programmers make A LOT of errors!
- Errors give us hints to find mistakes
- Run your code often to get the hints!!
- Mistakes won't break computers!



*KeyError:  
'Hairy Potter'*

*AttributeError:  
'NoneType' object  
has no attribute  
'foo'*

*TypeError: Can't  
convert 'int' object  
to str implicitly*



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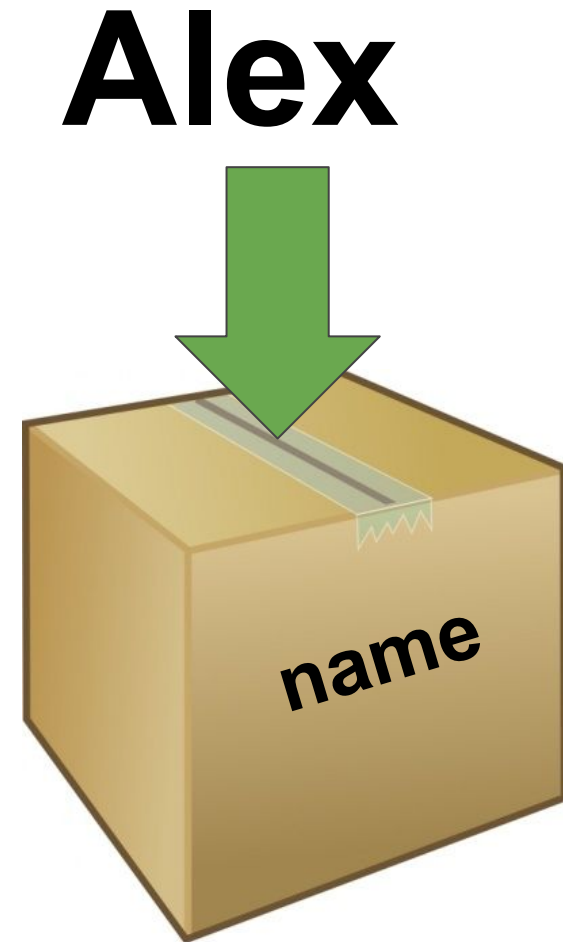
It prints the words “hello world” onto the screen!

# Variables

**Variables are useful  
for storing things  
that change**

(i.e. things that "vary" - hence the word "variable")

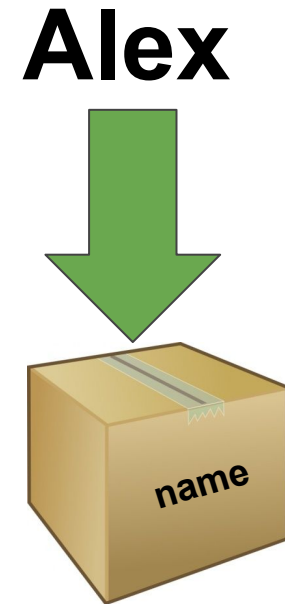
You can think of it like  
putting information in a  
box and giving it a name



# Variables

Instead of writing a name, we can use the name that is inside our variable! Here, we get the name out of the box.

```
print(name)
```

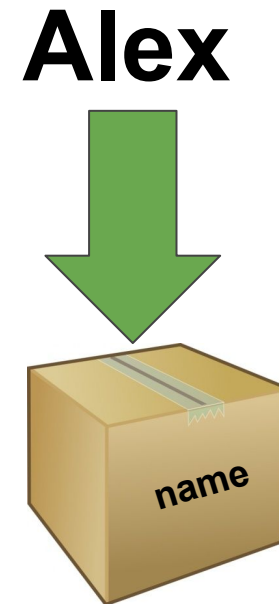


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Alex



# Reusing variables

We can replace values in variables:

```
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print("My favourite animal is a " + animal)  
animal = "cat"  
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```

What will this output?



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What will this output? `My favourite animal is a dog`  
`My favourite animal is a cat`  
`My favourite animal is a catdog`

# Asking a question!

It's more fun when we get to interact with the computer!

**Let's get the computer to ask us a question!**

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print('Hello ' + my_name)
```

What do you think happens?

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What do you think happens?

What is your name? Maddie

Hello Maddie

# Asking a question!

Store the answer  
in the variable  
my\_name

Writing input tells  
the computer to  
wait for a response

This is the question  
you want printed to  
the screen

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```

What do you think happens?

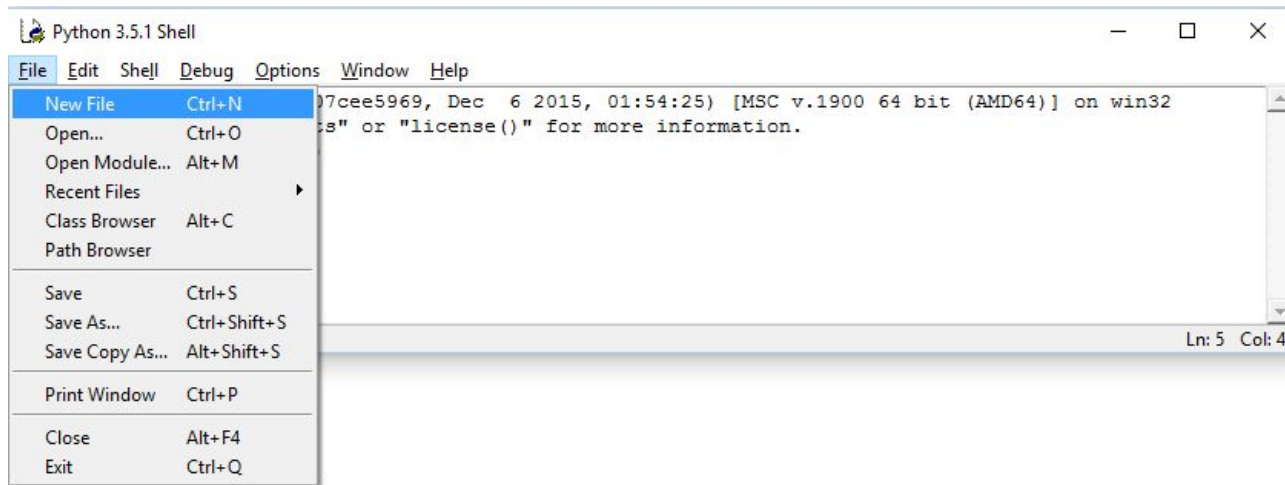
What is your name? Maddie

Hello Maddie

We can use the answer  
the user wrote that we  
then stored later!

# Coding in a file!

Code in a file is code we can run multiple times! Make a reusable “hello world”!



1. Make a new file called hello.py, like the picture
2. Put your `print('hello world')` code in it
3. Run your file using the F5 key

# Adding a comment!

Sometimes we want to write things in code that the computer doesn't look at! We use **comments** for that!

Use comments to write a note or explanation of our code  
Comments make code easier for humans to understand

```
# This code was written by Sheree
```

We can make code into a comment if we don't want it to run (but don't want to delete it!)

```
# print("Goodbye world!")
```

# Project time!

You now know all about printing and variables and input!

**Let's put what we learnt into our project**  
**Try to do Part 0 - Part 2**

The tutors will be around to help!

# If Statements and Lists



# Conditions!

**Conditions let us make decision.**  
**First we test if the condition is met!**  
**Then maybe we'll do the thing**



**If it's raining take an umbrella**

**Yep it's raining**

**..... take an umbrella**

# Conditions

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```

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How about a different number???

```
fave_num = 9000
```



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```

What do you think happens?

```
>>>
```



**Nothing!**

# If statements

```
word = "GPN"  
if word == "GPN":  
    print("GPN is awesome!")
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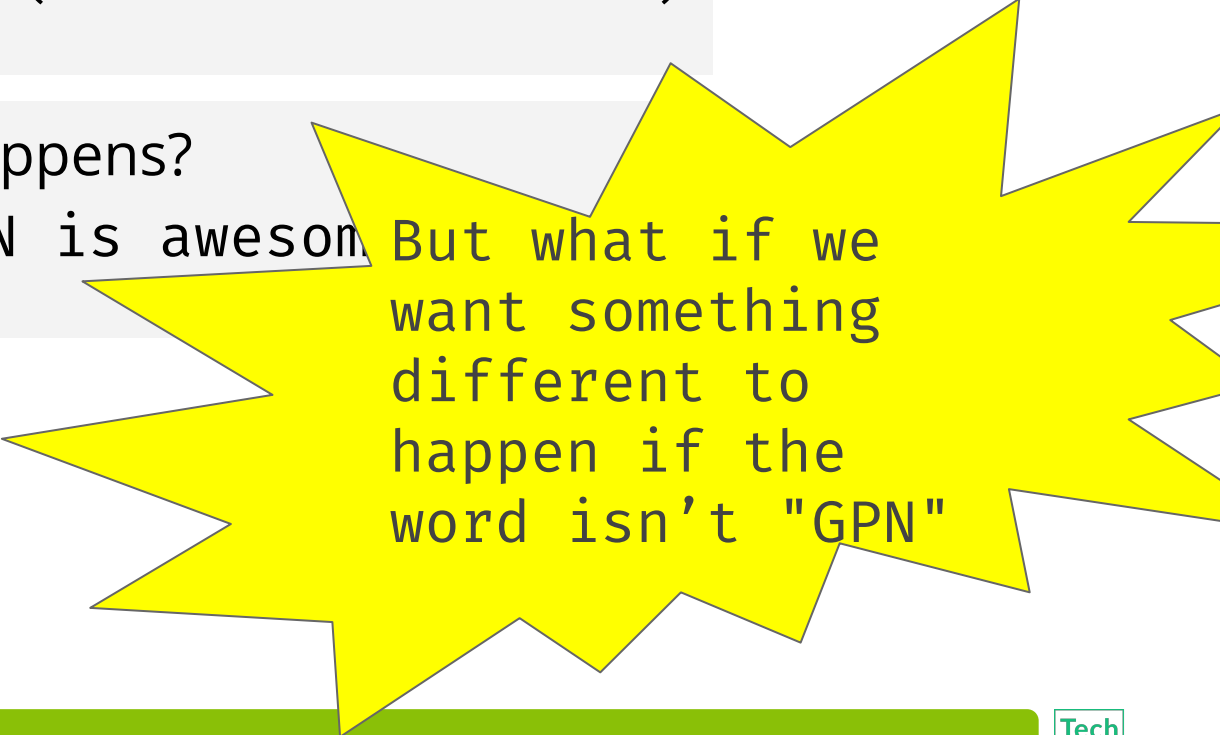


# If statements

```
word = "GPN"  
if word == "GPN":  
    print("GPN is awesome!")
```

What happens?

```
>>> GPN is awesome
```



But what if we want something different to happen if the word isn't "GPN"

# Else statements

**else**  
statements  
means something  
still happens if  
the **if** statement  
was **False**

```
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if word == "GPN":  
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    print("The word isn't GPN :(")
```

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```

What happens?

```
>>> The word isn't GPN :(
```

# Elif statements

## **elif**

Means we can give specific instructions for other words

```
word = "Chocolate"
if word == "GPN":
    print("GPN is awesome!")
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    print("YUMMM Chocolate!")
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```

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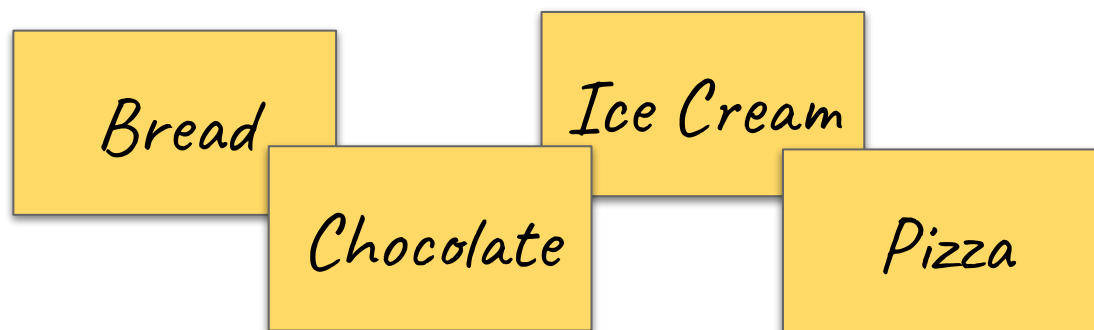
What happens?

```
>>> YUMM Chocolate!
```

# Lists

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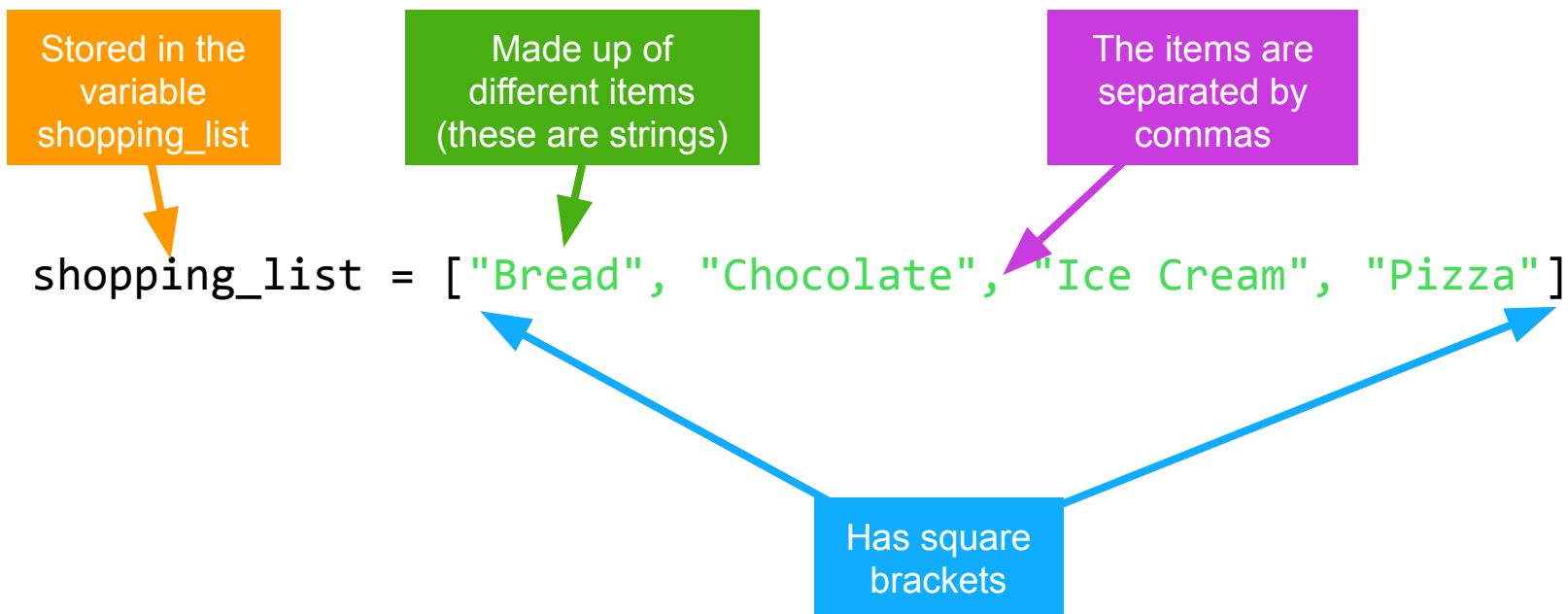
So much repetition!

Instead we use a python list!

```
>>> shopping_list = ["Bread", "Chocolate", "Ice Cream",  
"Pizza"]
```



# List anatomy





# Project Time!

You now know all about **if** and lists!

**See if you can do Part 3**

The tutors will be around to help!

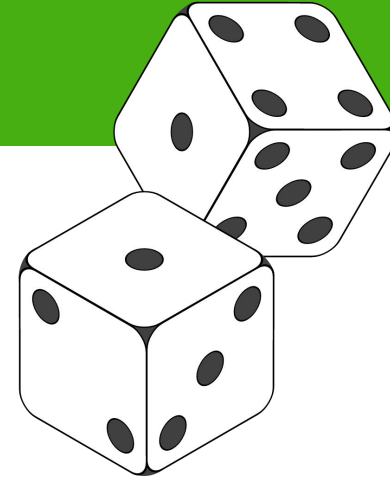
Random!

# That's so random!

There's lots of things in life that are up to chance or random!



Python lets us **import** common bits of code people use! We're going to use the **random** module!



We want the computer to be random sometimes!



# Using the random module

Let's choose something randomly from a list!

This is like drawing something out of a hat in a raffle!

## Try this!

### 1. Import the random module!

```
>>> import random
```

### 2. Copy the shopping list into IDLE

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

### 3. Choose randomly! Try it a few times!

```
>>> random.choice(shopping_list)
```



# Using the random module

## You can also assign your random choice to a variable

```
>>> import random
>>> shopping_list = ["eggs", "bread", "apples", "milk"]
>>> random_food = random.choice(shopping_list)
>>> print(random_food)
```



# Project Time!

## **Raaaaaaaaandom! Can you handle that?**

Let's try use it in our project!

Try to do Part 4

The tutors will be around to

# For Loops

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For loops allow you to do something a certain number of times.

We use them when we know exactly how many times we want to do something!



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The code indented in the loop is what will happen every time.

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# Looping how many times?

## We can loop through a list:

```
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We do what's in the for loop as many times as what is in the "range"



# Project Time!

Now you know how to use a for loop!

**Try to do Part 5**  
**...if you are up **for** it!**

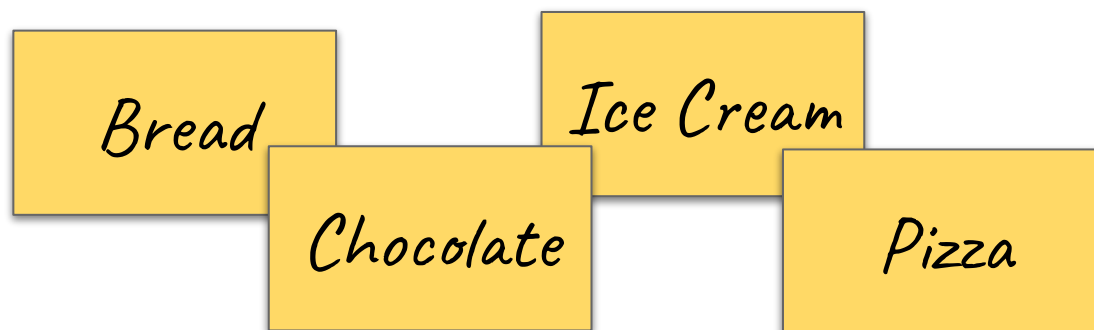
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# Lists and Dictionaries

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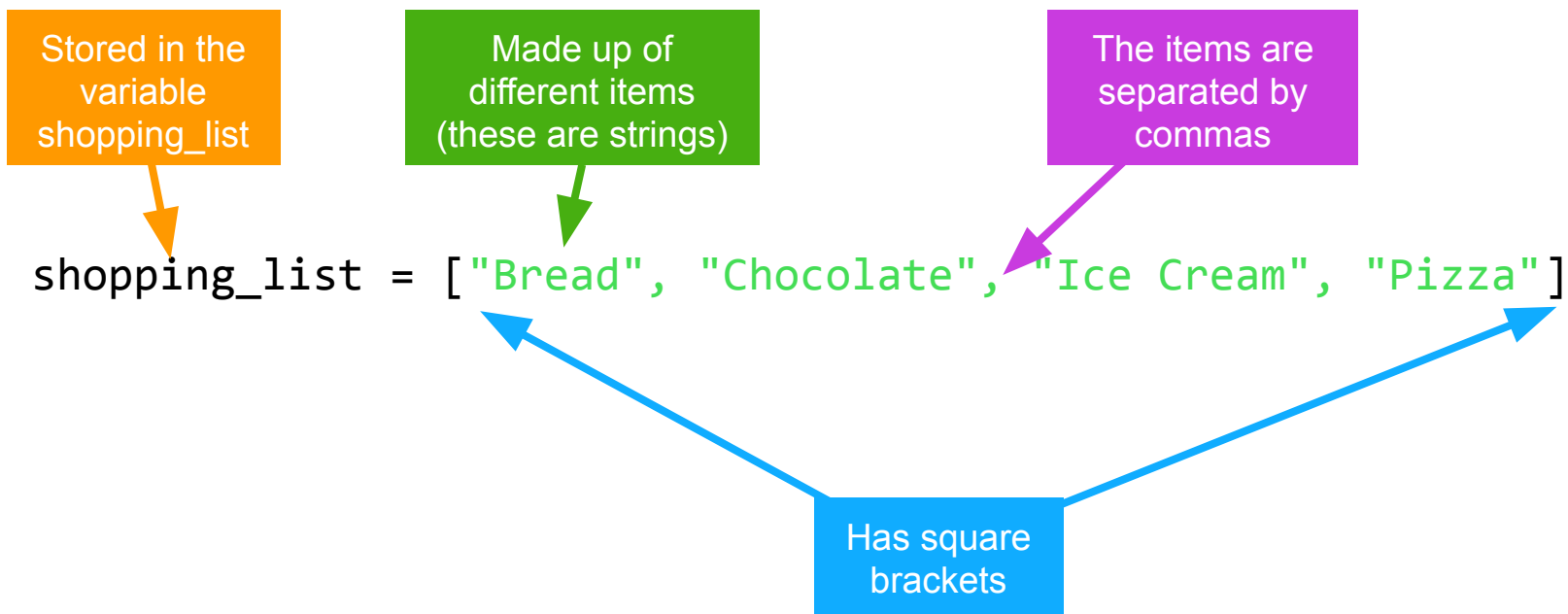
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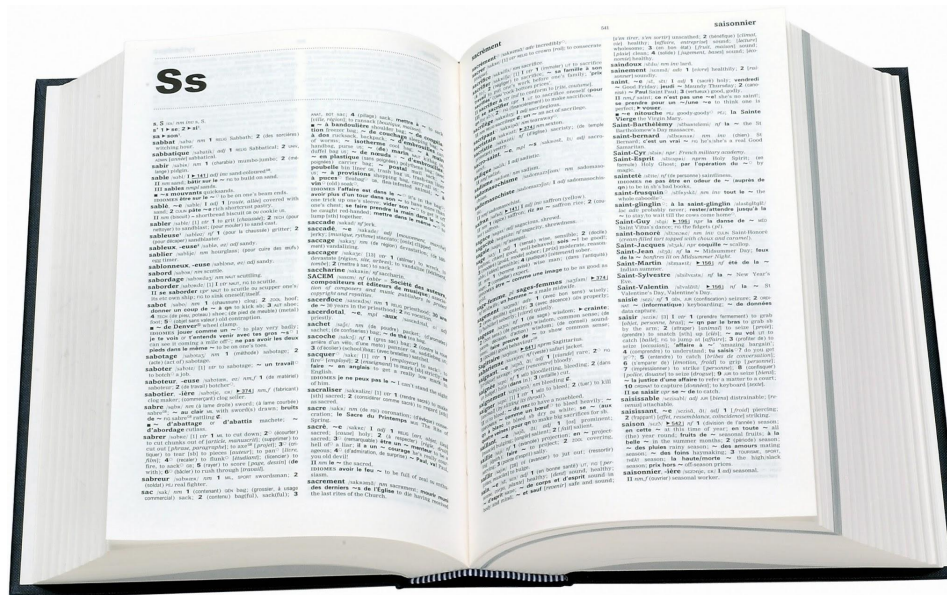
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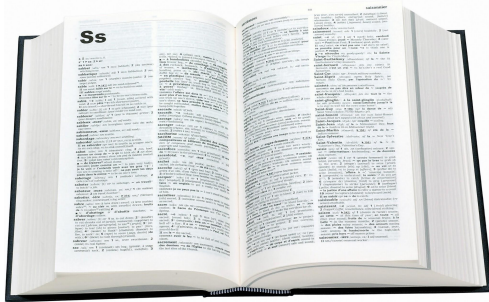
# List anatomy



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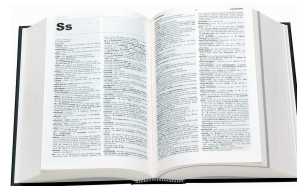


***You know dictionaries!***

**They're great at looking up thing  
by a word, not a position in a list!**

Look up

***Hello***



Get back

***A greeting (salutation) said  
when meeting someone or  
acknowledging someone's  
arrival or presence.***

# Looking it up!

**There are lots of times we want to look something up!**



**Competition registration**

Team Name → List of team members



**Phone Book**

Name → Phone number



**Vending Machine**

Treat Name → Price



# Looking it up!



## Phone Book

Name → Phone number

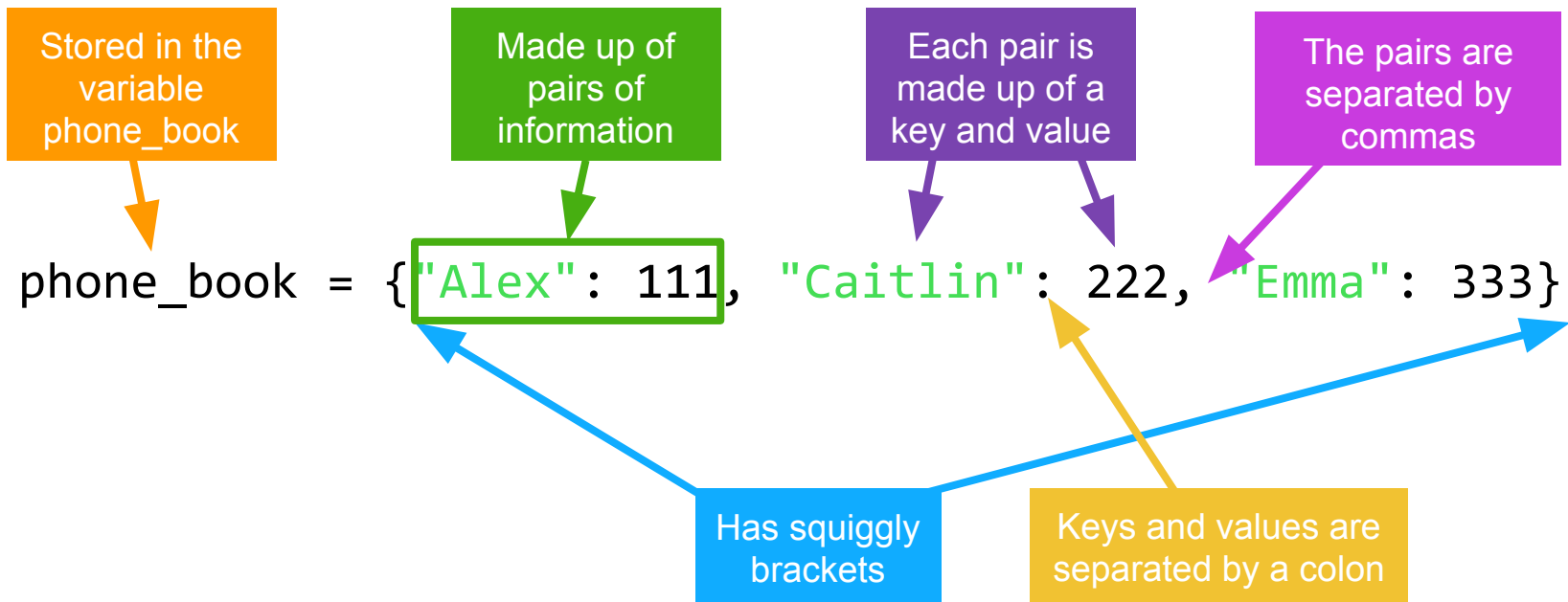
↑  
Key

↑  
Value

**We can use a dictionary for anything with a  
key → value pattern!**

# Dictionaries anatomy!

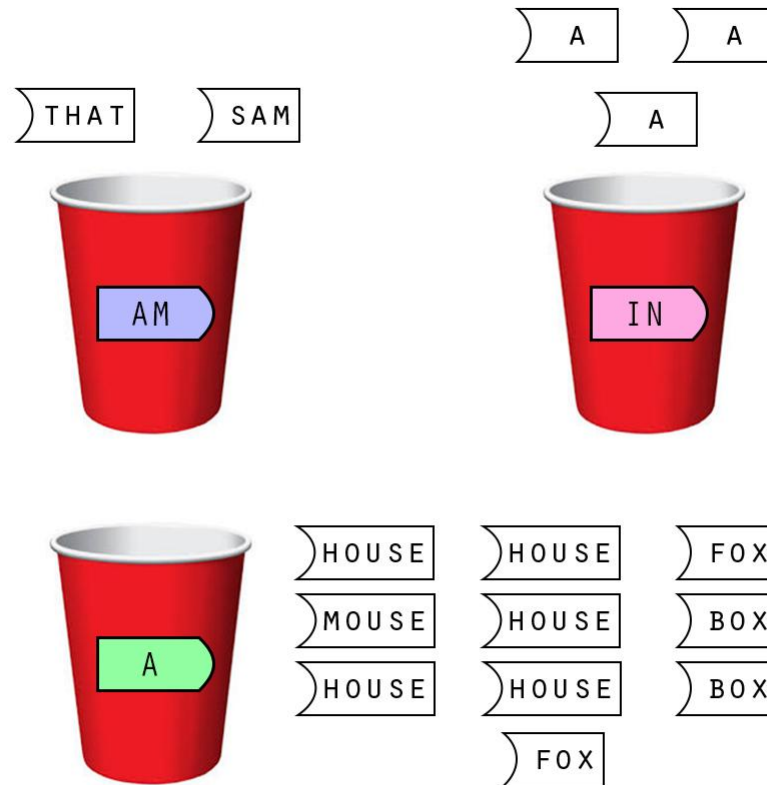
**This is a python dictionary!**



**This dictionary has Alex, Caitlin and Emma's phone numbers**

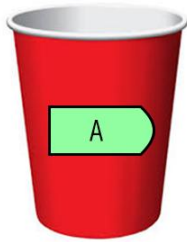
# Cups!!

Remember the cups activity from the start of the day?



# A Single Cup!

The word “A”

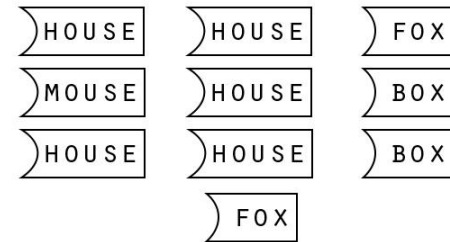


Key

can be followed by



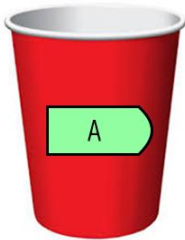
Any of these words



Value

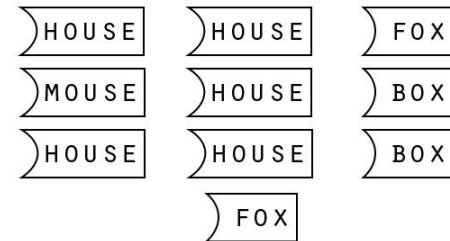
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We can store the slips of paper as a python list!



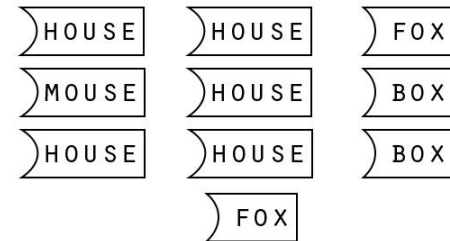
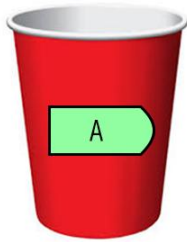
```
['house', 'mouse', 'house',  
'mouse', 'box', 'fox', 'box',  
'fox', 'house', 'mouse']
```

# A Single Cup!

The word “A”

can be followed by

Any of these words



We want to look up  
the word “a” and get  
back the list!

```
{ 'a' : ['house', 'mouse', 'house',  
'mouse', 'box', 'fox', 'box',  
'fox', 'house', 'mouse'] }
```

# A Single Cup!

So we get a Dictionary with a List value!

```
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        'mouse', 'box', 'fox', 'box',  
        'fox', 'house', 'mouse'] }
```

Key

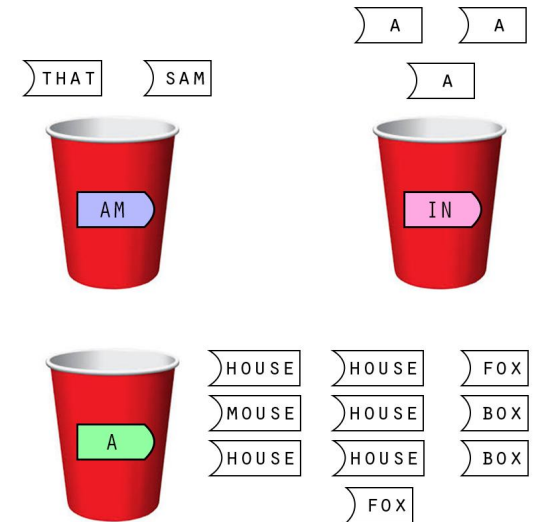
Value

If you look up “A” you get back a list of all the words that can follow “a”

# Cups → Dictionary with lists!

Here's what it looks like for a few more cups!

```
cups = { 'am': ['Sam', 'That'],  
        'In': ['a', 'a', 'a'],  
        'a' : ['house', 'mouse',  
              'house', 'mouse',  
              'box', 'fox', 'box',  
              'fox', 'house',  
              'Mouse']  
        .... }
```



You can get the whole cup dictionary from today's website!



# Project time!

You now know all about lists and dictionaries!

**Let's put what we learnt into our project**  
**Try to do Part 6**

The tutors will be around to help!

# More Dictionaries and Lists!

**Before we start this lecture  
Trying doing Part 0 in your second workbook!**

# Getting words from sample text

In order to be able to read in lots of text we need to be able to turn sentences into a list of words.

We can do this by using `.split()` on our text!

# Using split

```
text = "a really cool sentence"  
words = text.split()  
print(words)
```

What do you think words will be?

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`faves = ['books', 'butterfly', 'chocolate', 'skateboard']`

We can count out the items using index numbers!

0



1



2



3



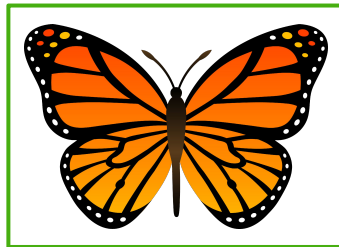
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# Falling off the edge

Python complains if you try to go past the end of a **list**

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>>> faves[4]
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):  
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# Updating our dictionaries!

We've seen how to use dictionaries - but how do we update existing ones? Let's have a look at a phone book example!

```
>>> phone_book = {  
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}
```

- We met Rowena! Let's add her to our phone book

```
>>> phone_book["Rowena"] = 444
```

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# Project Time!

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