

SOLUTIONS

Discussion 10: Dictionaries & List Comprehension in Python

List Comprehension Warm-Up

1. Consider the Snap! code given below:



Translate this expression into Python using a list comprehension.

```
[word[0] for word in mylist if len(word) > 5]
```

2. Write a list comprehension over `list_of_lists` (a list of sublists) that calculates the sum of each sublist and adds each sum to a new list. You can assume the sublists in `list_of_lists` contain only numbers.

For example if `list_of_lists = [[1, 2], [-5, 4]]`, your expression should output `[3, -1]`.

To find the sum of a list, you can call python's built-in `sum` function on the list.

```
>>>sum([1, 2])  
3
```

```
[sum(sublist) for sublist in list_of_lists]
```

3. Write a list comprehension that finds the index of an item in a list. You may assume that the item appears only once in the list. If you get stuck, it may be easier to first write this function using a for loop, then translate your code into a list comprehension.

```
def find_index(item, lst):
```

```
    return [i for i in range(len(lst)) if item == lst[i]][0]
```

Planning Your Phase 1

1. In the table below, write Python code to execute the listed commands on `class_dict`.

```
class_dict = {'Math': '1A', 'English': 'R1A'}
```

Add the key 'CS' with the value '10'	<code>class_dict['CS'] = '10'</code>
Access the value of 'Math'	<code>class_dict['Math']</code>
Change the value of 'Math' to '1B'	<code>class_dict['Math'] = '1B'</code>
Check if 'UGBA' is a key in <code>class_dict</code>	<code>'UGBA' in class_dict*</code>
Check if '10' is a value in <code>class_dict</code>	<code>'10' in class_dict.values()</code>
Get a list of the keys in <code>class_dict</code>	<code>list(class_dict)**</code>

*`'UGBA' in class_dict.keys()` and `**list(class_dict.keys())` are also acceptable

2. Can you access a key, value pair in a dictionary by its index?

No; dictionaries are unsorted, so indexes would have no consistency

3. Are keys and/or values in a dictionary returned in a predictable order?

No; dictionaries are unsorted

4. Can dictionaries have duplicate keys? What about duplicate values?

Keys: No (each key must be unique)

Values: Yes (many keys may have the same value)

Dictionary Practice

```
fav_numbers = {'Dan': 18, 'Alonzo': 12, 'Oski': 7, 'Carol Christ': 152}
```

```
nums = [7, 12]
```

1. On the lines below, write Python code that increments each person's favorite number by the length of their name.

```
[fav_numbers[name] + len(name) for name in fav_numbers]
```

Alternatively: `for person in fav_numbers:`

```
    fav_numbers[person] += len(person)
```

2. On the lines below, use a list comprehension to output a list of people whose favorite numbers are in `nums`.

```
[name for name in fav_numbers if fav_numbers[name] in nums]
```

3. Write a function `merge_dicts` that takes two dictionaries as input, and returns a new dictionary that contains all entries from both input dictionaries. Your function should not modify the inputs. You can assume that both input dictionaries have strings as keys and numbers as values. For any keys present in both input dictionaries, the corresponding value in the output dictionary should be the sum of the values in the inputs.

```
>>> dict1 = {'Dan': 10, 'Oski': 15}
>>> dict2 = {'Alonzo': 5, 'Oski': 20, 'Dan': -10}
>>> merge_dicts(dict1, dict2)
{'Dan': 0, 'Alonzo': 5, 'Oski': 35}
```

```
def merge_dicts(d1, d2):
    new_dict = {}
    for key in d1:
        new_dict[key] = d1[key]
    for key in d2:
        if key in new_dict:
            new_dict[key] += d2[key]
        else:
            new_dict[key] = d2[key]
    return new_dict
```

4. Assume we have defined `food_dict` in the Python interpreter, as below. What will be displayed after each of the following lines executes? If the result is an error message, just write "Error." **Assume that the commands are executed independently, NOT sequentially.**

```
>>> food_dict = {"fruit": "apple", "veggie": "carrot", "beverage": "water",
"grain": "rice"}
>>> len(food_dict)
```

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```
>>> list(food_dict)
```

```
['fruit', 'veggie', 'beverage', 'grain']
```

```
>>> food_dict[0]
```

```
Error (0 is not a key!!)
```

```
>>> ('fruit' in food_dict) and ('apple' in food_dict)
```

```
False ('apple' is not a key, which is what "in" searches through)
```

```
>>> ("fruit" in food_dict.keys()) and ("apple" in food_dict.values())
```

```
True
```

```
>>> for food in food_dict:  
...     food += "s"  
>>> food_dict
```

```
{'fruit': 'apple', 'veggie': 'carrot', 'beverage': 'water', 'grain': "rice"}
```

```
>>> def recursion_is_fun(dict1, dict2):  
...     if dict2 == {}:  
...         return dict1  
...     dict2.pop(list(dict2)[0])  
...     return recursion_is_fun(dict1, dict2)
```

```
Remember: Dictionaries are mutable!
```

```
>>> copy = food_dict  
>>> recursion_is_fun(food_dict, copy)
```

```
{}
```

```
>>> more_food = {"protein": "chicken"}  
>>> food_dict["more food"] = more_food  
>>> food_dict
```

```
{'fruit': 'apple', 'veggie': 'carrot', 'beverage': 'water', 'grain': 'rice',  
'more food': {'protein': 'chicken'}}
```