

[30 I] Dictionaries

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Learning Objectives Today

Data structures

- definition
- motivation

Dictionaries in Python

- creation, lookup
- updates, deletes

When to use dictionaries over lists

- holes in the labels
- non-integer labels

Chapter 11 of Think Python



Today's Outline

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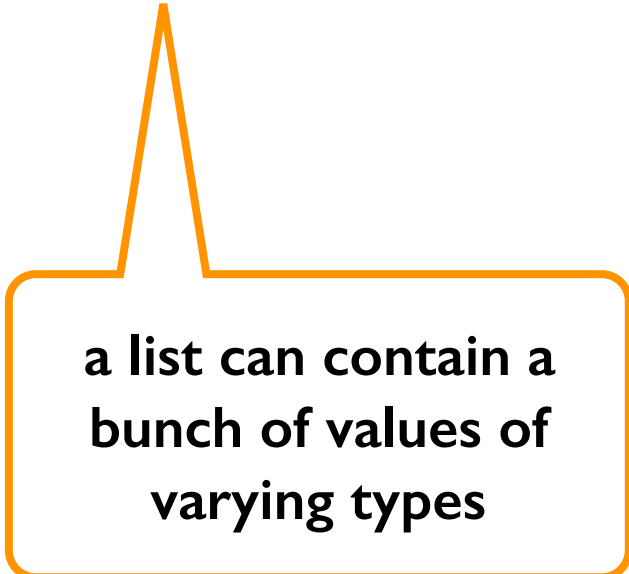
Coding examples

Vocabulary: a list is an example of
a **data structure**

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every value has an
index, representing an
order within the list

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varying types

L.sort(), len(L), L.pop(0), L.append(x),
update, iterate (for loop), etc

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	values	relationships	operations
list	anything	ordered (0,1,...)	indexing, pop, len, index, slicing, in, iteration (for), ...
set	????	no ordering	in, ==
dict			
...			

*suggested
note-taking*

Motivation: lots of data

For loops:

- copy/paste is a pain
- don't know how many times to copy/paste before program runs

For data structures:

- creating many variables is a pain
(imagine your program analyzes ten thousand values)
- don't know how many values you will have before program runs

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- use labels to lookup values

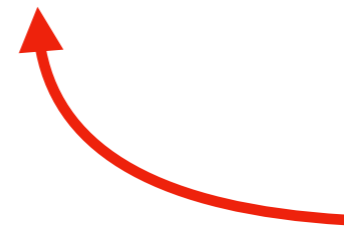
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List example:

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we can have many values

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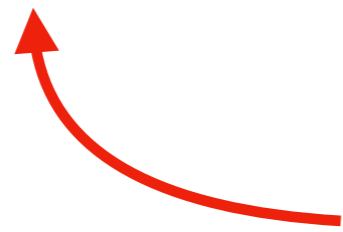
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0 **1** **2** **3**



the “labels” are indexes, which
are implicitly attached to values

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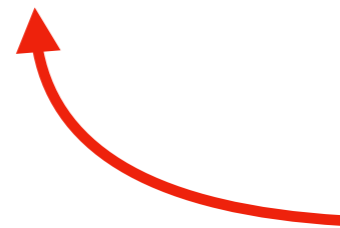
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List example:

```
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```
x = nums[2]    # x = 400
```



we use the “label” (i.e., the index)
to lookup the value (here 400)

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lists are an **inflexible** mapping structure, because we don't have control over **labels**

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what if we don't want consecutive integers as labels? E.g., 0, 10, and 20 (but not between)?

what if we want to use strings as labels?

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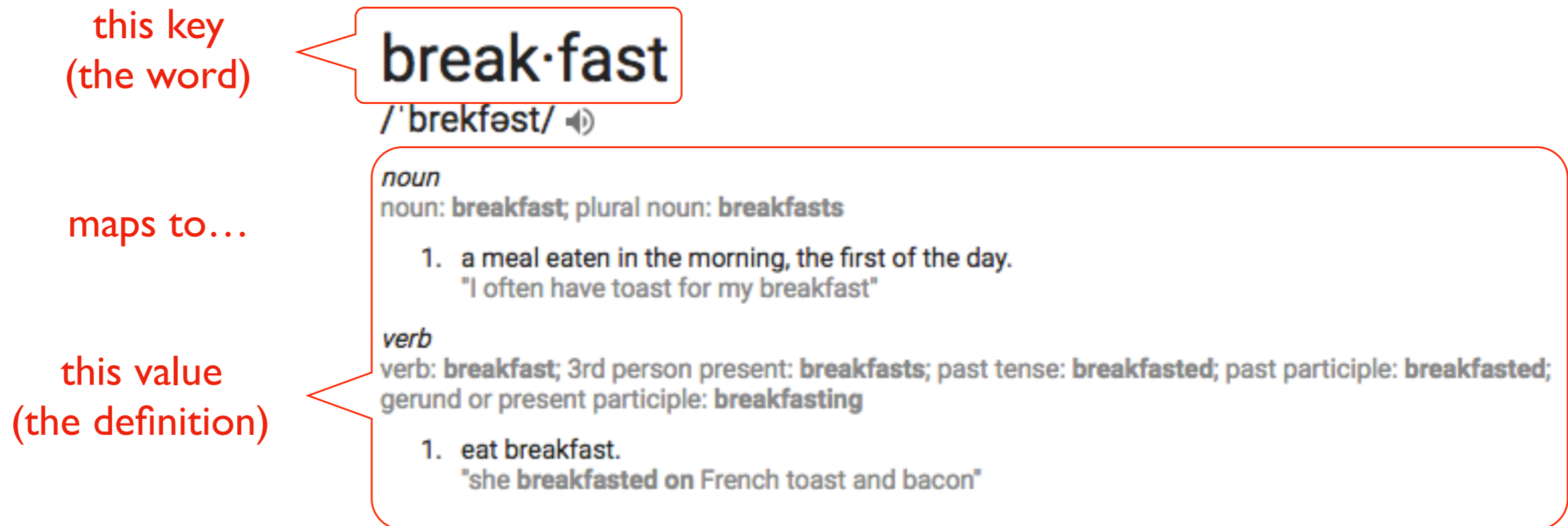
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Why call it a dictionary?



Python dicts don't have order, though

Dictionary

Dictionaries map labels (called keys, rather than indexes) to values

- values can be anything we choose (as with lists)
- keys can be nearly anything we choose (must be immutable)

```
nums_list = [900, 700, 800]
```

```
nums_list[1] → 700
```



a dictionary would let us give 700 a label other than its position

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we have the same values

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we use **curly braces** instead of **square brackets**

careful! curly braces are for both sets and dicts

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```
          ↓           ↓           ↓  
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we choose the label (called a key) for each value.
Here the keys are the strings "first", "second", and "third"

we put a colon between each key and value

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```

```
nums_dict["second"] → 700
```



lookup for a dict is like indexing for a list (label in brackets). Just use a key (that we chose) instead of an index.

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```
nums_dict["first"] → 900
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```

```
nums_dict["third"] → 800
```



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```

```
nums_dict["third"] → 800
```

index
labels **values**

0	900
1	700
2	600

ordered

key
labels **values**

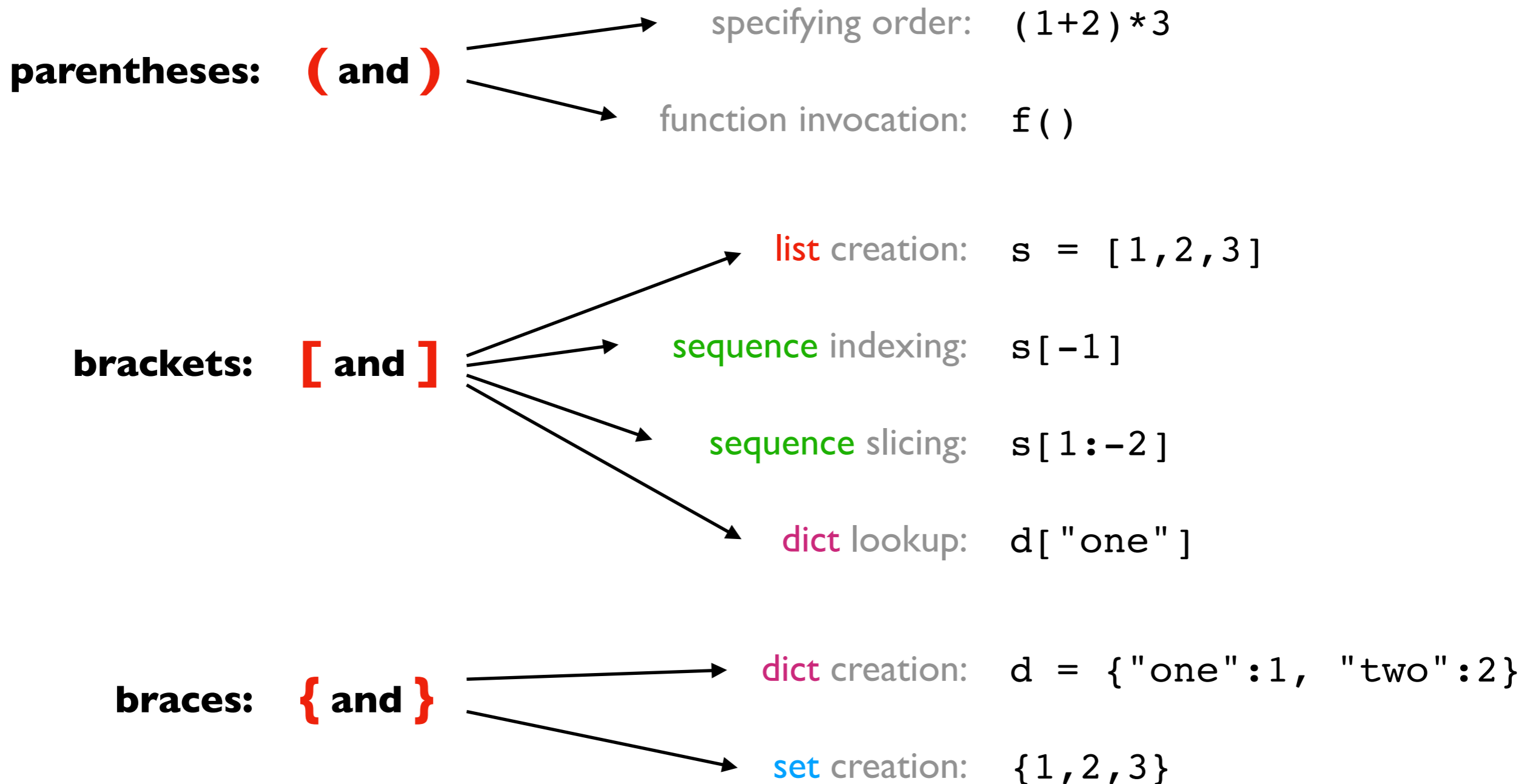
"third"	600
"first"	900
"second"	700

no order

A note on parenthetical characters

common structures

uses



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Dictionary Updates

```
>>> lst = ["zero", "ten", "not set"]
>>> lst[2] = "twenty"
>>> lst
['zero', 'ten', 'twenty']
```

```
>>> d = {0: "zero", 10: "ten", 20: "not set"}
>>> d[20] = "twenty"
>>> d
{0: 'zero', 20: 'twenty', 10: 'ten'}
```

dictionary updates look like list updates

Dictionary Deletes

```
>>> lst = ["zero", "ten", "not set"]
```

```
>>> lst.pop(-1)
```

```
'not set'
```

```
>>> lst
```

```
['zero', 'ten']
```

“not set” isn’t in the list



```
>>> d = {0: "zero", 10: "ten", 20: "not set"}
```

```
>>> d.pop(20)
```

```
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```
>>> d
```

```
{0: 'zero', 10: 'ten'}
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Dictionary Inserts

```
>>> lst = ["zero", "ten"]
>>> lst.append("twenty") # doesn't work: lst[2] = ...
>>> lst
['zero', 'ten', 'twenty']

>>> d = {0: "zero", 10: "ten"}
>>> d[20] = "twenty"
>>> d
{0: 'zero', 20: 'twenty', 10: 'ten'}
```

with a dict, if you try to set a value at a key,
it automatically creates it (doesn't work w/ lists)

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Demo 1: Score Keeping App

Goal: let users enter scores for various players

Input:

- Commands: set score, lookup score, get highest

Output:

- The champion and their score

Example:

```
prompt> python scores.py
enter a cmd (type "help" for descriptions): set alice 10
enter a cmd (type "help" for descriptions): high
Alice: 10
enter a cmd (type "help" for descriptions): q
exiting
```



<https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwi37NjD--bgAhUISIMKHUXvAnUQMwhrKAEwAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2FTachikara-Porta-Score-Flip-Scoreboard%2Fdp%2FB006VP8M26&psig=AOvVaw2vUf2T1DoEbyB-Qj9Bi7Ws&ust=1551736624958766&ictx=3&u>

Demo 2: Print Tornados per Year

Goal: given a CSV of tornados,
print how many occurred per year

Input:

- A CSV

Output:

- number per year

Example:

```
prompt> python tornados.py
```

```
...
```

```
2015: 9
```

```
2016: 2
```

```
2017: 4
```



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tornado>

Demo 3: Wizard of Oz

Goal: count how often each word appears in the Wizard of Oz

Input:

- Plaintext of book (from Project Gutenberg)

Output:

- The count of each word



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Wizard_of_Oz_\(1939_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Wizard_of_Oz_(1939_film))