

1] Create a list of strings (say, five), then use the function **sum** on it. You would probably expect the end result to be the concatenation of all strings, but, instead, the program crashes.

Show the result, and then explain what happened.

- Hint: Investigate the function **sum**.

2] Sometimes, we need to split a string starting from the end, i.e. from right to left. Search the official Python documentation¹ to find a method that does this. Use the method you found to create a list of only the last four words in this string:

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st = 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'
['the', 'worst', 'of', 'times']
```

3] Use a **while** loop to return all occurrences of a substring in a string. The program should print the index and the substring for each occurrence. For testing, use:

- The string “Don’t walk behind me; I may not lead. Don’t walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.”²
- The substring “walk”.

4] ► Use the string containing the text of T.S. Eliot’s *The Waste Land*, created in class³. Find out how many times each of the substrings **the** and **is** occur in it (all possible capitalizations included!)

5] Based on the file **cities_distances.txt**, create a new file **cities_distances_4.txt**, in which every line has four numbers instead of two: the original two, their sum, and their product. For example, the first line is originally

```
7.682064339    715.3540281
```

and it has to become

```
7.682064339    715.3540281    723.0360924390001    5495.395669027014
```

Note: Remove the empty lines from the original file.

Dictionary problem (pls. use only a “plain” dictionary, not other data structures, like Counter!)

6] Given a string, create a dictionary whose keys are the characters of the string, and whose values are the nr. of occurrences of those characters in the string. Print the dictionary in sorted order of the keys. For example, if the

string is 'bbcaa', the program should output

```
a 3
b 2
c 1
```

¹ <https://docs.python.org/2/library/string.html>

² Albert Camus

³ The text file can also be downloaded from our webpage.