

Parson Puzzles [Solutions]

1. Read in a number and write out whether it is odd or even

```
5 num = input("Enter a number: ")
3 mod = num % 2
6 if mod > 0:
    1 print("You picked an odd number.")
4 else:
    2 print("You picked an even number.")
```

2. Guessing game 1 to 9

```
3 import random
1 rd = random.randint(1,9)
13 guess = int( input("Enter a guess between 1 to 9") )
4 c = 1
2 while guess != rd and guess != "exit":
    6 if guess == rd:
        8 print("Right!")
        9 print("You took only", c, "tries!")
    7 else:
        11 if guess > rd:
            10 print("Too high")
        7 else:
            12 print("Too low")
        13 guess = int( input("Enter a guess between 1 to 9") )
    5 c += 1
```

3. Read a file and print out the length of line with a space between each length.

```
4 f = open('filename.txt', 'r')
1 lines = f.readlines()
3 for line in lines:
    5 length = len( line )
    2 print( length, end = " " )
6 f.close()
```

4. Given a list of words, both write the words backwards and order the words in the reverse direction

```
2 words = ["once", "upon", "a", "time", "in", "oppositeland"]
3 neworder = []
8 for word in words:
    6 new_word = ""
    5 for letter in word:
        7 new_word = letter + new_word
```

```
1 neworder = [new_word] + neworder
4 print(neworder)
```

5. Given a dictionary named `heights` with string names as keys and heights (in meters) as values, print tallest.

```
3 max = 0
7 tallest = 'No-one'
1 for person in heights:
    6 height = heights[ person ]
    5 if height > max:
        8 max = height
        4 tallest = person
2 print( 'the tallest person is ', tallest )
```

6. Given a file named `data.csv` with names as strings and scores as numbers in the range 0 to 100 inclusive, print lowest

```
2 file = open( 'data.csv' )
4 name = 'No-one'
5 min = 100
10 for line in file:
    9 score = int( ( line.split( ',' ) ) [ 1 ] )
    1 if score < min:
        11 min = score
        3 name = ( line.split( ',' ) ) [ 0 ]
        8 minName = name
6 print( 'person with min score is' + minName )
7 file.close()
```

7. Write a program to read the data into a list of dictionaries, each dictionary holding a name and an age for a single person.

```
5 f = open( "data.txt" )
3 lines = f.readlines()
8 people = []
7 for lineNum in range( 0, len( lines ), 3 ):
    9 newName = lines[ lineNum ] [ :-1 ]
    6 newAgeAsString = lines[ lineNum + 1 ] [ :-1 ]
    1 newAge = int( newAgeAsString )
    2 newPerson = { "name" : newName, "age" : newAge }
    4 people = people + [ newPerson ]
```

8. Parson's Problem Generator: Write a program which takes another program in a text file, shuffles the line order, trims the leading whitespace and adds a line number to each reordered line.

```
11 from random import shuffle
1 f = open( "program.txt" )
10 lines = f.readlines()
```

```

8 shuffle(lines)
4 current_line = 1
2 for line in lines:
    9 while line[0] == " ":
        6 line = line[1:]
    5 line = str(current_line) + ". " + line[:-1]
    7 current_line += 1
    3 print(line)

```

9. Caesar Shift Cipher: Write a program that replaces each letter in a string with the next in the alphabet, ignoring whitespace

```

4 import string
8 alphabets=list(string.ascii_lowercase)
9 plaintext = "duel by dawn"
11 withoutblank = ""
12 for letter in plaintext:
    2 if letter != " ":
        1 withoutblank += letter
10 decoded = ""
7 for letter in withoutblank:
    5 i = alphabets.index(letter)
    3 decoded += alphabets[(i + 1)% len(alphabets)]
6 print(decoded)

```

10. (Challenge) Matrix multiplication: Given two 2D lists (forming matrices), compute the matrix multiplication

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 10 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 7 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_{11} &= a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} \\
 c_{12} &= a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} \\
 c_{21} &= a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} \\
 c_{22} &= a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22}
 \end{aligned}$$

```

5 def matrixmultiplication (A, B):
    11 Arows = len(A)
    13 Acols = len(A[0])
    15 Brows = len(B)
    2 Bcols = len(B[0])
    3 if Acols != Brows:
        7 print("Not applicable")
    16 return

```

```
10 C = []
6  for row in range(0,Bcols):
    8  newrow = []
    1  for col in range(0,Arows):
        19 newrow += [0]
    17 C += [newrow]
9  for i in range(Arows):
    18 for j in range(Bcols):
        4  for k in range(Acols):
            14 C[i][j] += A[i][k] * B[k][j]
12 return C
```

```
A = [[1,2],[3,4]]
```

```
B = [[2,0],[1,2]]
```

```
print(matrixmultiplication(A,B))
```