# The Missing Characters

HackerRank

You are given a paragraph of text, all in one line. These snippets of text were extracted from articles about people and places, from Wikipedia. Certain letters (a-z or A-Z) have been blanked out and replaced by '#' signs instead. Identify what those letters originally were.

# **Input Format**

Exactly one line of a text snippet - which may contain either one sentence, or a paragraph (of multiple sentences). At certain positions, letters (a-z or A-Z) have been blanked out and replaced by '#' signs instead.

# Constraints

Number of characters in the input will not exceed 2000.

There will be no extra '#' other than those which need to be replaced by letters. Please note that the text may have non-ASCII (UTF-8) characters. However, the the valid replacements for '#' symbols, in all cases, are one of the letters (a-z or A-Z; case agnostic). Characters have been blanked out with approximately 5% probability; i.e. roughly 1 in 20 letters are missing.

# **Output Format**

The output should contain as many lines as the number of '#' signs in the input text. The i<sup>th</sup> line should contain the letter of the alphabet which was originally present in place of the i<sup>th</sup> hash symbol. Evaluation will be case insensitive.

#### Sample Input

William Shakespea#e was an Englis# poet, playwright a#d actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the Eng#ish langu#ge and the worl#'s pre-eminent dramat#st. He is ofte# called Englan#'s national poet an# the "Bard of Avon".

#### Sample Output

r h l a d i n d

#### d

#### **Training File**

You may download and use this corpus of text for **offline** training and constructing a model which may be embedded in your submitted solution. This will not be available during program execution.

Regular ML and NLP libraries, as described in the environment will be available.

### Explanation

The first of the missing characters is the letter 'r' in Shakespea\*r\*e, the second missing character is the 'h' in the word 'Englis\*h\*'; the third missing character is 'n' in the word 'a\*n\*d' - and so on.

The original snippet of text was:

William Shakespeare was an English poet, playwright and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon".

### Scoring

For each test case your score will be: C/N

Where **C** is the number of characters correctly identified; and **N** is the total number of characters which were blanked out and replaced by hash symbols (#). Your overall score is the average of your score across all test cases.