

KS3 Python Cheat Sheet



This cheat sheet is designed to provide examples for a number of common programming tasks.

A: VARIABLES

```
name = "Ada Lovelace"
age = 18
cost = 1.99

new_value = str(old)      Convert to string
new_value = int(old)     Convert to integer
new_value = float(old)   Convert to decimal
```

B: INTERACTING WITH THE USER (Input & Output)

```
print("Programming in Python is fun!")
    Outputs the string, then starts a new line

fruit = "Apple"  Assign value to a variable
print(fruit)    Outputs a variable's value

print()        Outputs a blank line

name = input("What is your name?")
    Remember: input() always returns a string

age = int(input("What is your age?"))
    Numbers: use int() or float() around input()

print("Hello", name)
    Using commas in print() joins strings and
    variable together
```

C: MAKING DECISIONS (Selection)

C-1: Decide to run a code block

```
year_group = 7
if year_group > 6:
    print("Attend High School")
    Executed if condition is True
```

C-2: Decide to run a code block or another

```
marks = 80
if marks >= 50:
    print("Pass")          Executed if True
else:
    print("Fail")        Executed if False
```

C-3: Decide between many code blocks

```
marks = 90
if marks >= 80:
    print("Distinction")
elif marks >= 50:        elif can be used
    print("Pass")        multiple times
else:                    and can be used
    print("Fail")        without else
```

D: REPEATING CODE (Iteration)

D-1: Repeating code 10 times

```
for number in range(10):  Repeats (x) times
    print(number)
```

D-2: Sum (add-up) the numbers from 5 to 15

```
total = 0
for number in range(5, 10):  Repeats between
    total = total + number    start and end
    print(total)
```

D-3: Repeating code based on a condition

```
password = ""
while password != "qwerty":  Repeats while
    password = input("What is the password?")  a condition is True
    print("Welcome!")
```

E: TURTLE

E-1: Using the Turtle library

```
import turtle          Makes turtle available

turtle.up()            Stops drawing on screen
turtle.down()          Starts drawing on screen

turtle.speed()         Sets the animation speed
                        1=slowest, 10=fastest

turtle.goto(x,y)      Go to the x , y position
```

E-2: Turning and moving

```
turtle.forward(distance)  Go forward by
turtle.backward(distance) Go backward by

turtle.right(angle)       Turn clockwise angle°
turtle.left(angle)       Turn anticlockwise angle°
```

E-3: Filling shapes with colour

```
turtle.fillcolor(named_colour)  colour list
                                https://trinket.io/docs/colors

turtle.begin_fill()  Starts the shape to fill

turtle.end_fill()    Stops the shape to fill
```

F: USEFUL TIPS & TRICKS

F-1: Random Numbers & Options

```
import random          Makes random available

mystery = random.randint(1, 10)  Returns a
                                random number between start & end

col = random.choice(["red", "white", "blue"])
                                Returns a random choice from a list
```

