

ES 2: Critical thinking with Python

aka, Introduction to Computing for Engineers

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Let's talk about arguments

```
def calculate_area(base, height):  
    area = 0.5 * base * height  
    return area
```

```
calculate_area(5, 3)
```

```
width = 12
```

```
height = 8
```

```
calculate_area(12, 8)
```

What is a "language"?

Any set of signs or symbols,
organized according to particular rules
in order to convey meaning.

Some examples:

Mathematics

Football referee hand motions

Chess notation

A quick mixer

- 1) Meet someone new
- 2) Share with them about a "language" you're familiar with
- 3) After ~2 minutes, I'll call for everyone to find another person

Grammars are useful(!)

Python is a language

It has a grammar

It may feel arbitrary and cruel, but it's not trying to be that way.



UNEXPECTED INDENT ON LINE 12



I'm sorry, I don't understand
what you just said. Will you
play with me? >>>



for loops

```
data = [1, 3, 8, 2, 9, 11, 3]
```

```
len(data)
```

```
for i in range(len(data)):  
    print(i)
```

```
for i in data:  
    print(i)
```

For next time

Week 1 assignment is on Codio

Reflection is on Canvas

See you tomorrow for sociotechnical Friday!