1. Using concatenation, write a function `def nCharacters(s):` that returns the first five-character substring in the string `s`. If `s` is `asdqrt52r`, the function returns `asdqr`. Assume that the string consists of at least 5 characters.

2. Write a function `def maxLength(a, b):` that returns the string `a` or `b` with the maximum length.
3. Write a function `def generate(n)` that returns the n-letter word consisting of lowercase letters where each letter is chosen randomly. Thus if `n` is 5, the method might return the string `ebcfr`. Note that there are 26 letters in the alphabet.

4. Evaluate the following for `s = '12345';`:

   (a) `s[1:6]`  
   (b) `s[:5]`  
   (c) `s[2:0]`  
   (d) `s[0:5]`