



The Help utility welcome message also contains handy hints – but are omitted here for brevity.

Getting help

The IDLE Shell Window provides a great Help utility where you can find help on any Python topic when coding Python programs. Help can be sought by entering a Python `help()` statement at the interactive `>>>` prompt. A welcome message appears and the prompt changes to `help>` to denote you are now in Help mode.

1 Open an IDLE Shell Window then precisely enter this statement at the interactive prompt `help()`

2 Next, hit the Return key to enter Help mode

```
Python Shell
File Edit Shell Debug Options Windows Help
>>> help()

Welcome to Python 3.5's help utility!

help> |
```

3 Now, enter this topic name at the Help utility prompt `keywords`

4 Hit Return to list all keywords of the Python language

```
Python Shell
File Edit Shell Debug Options Windows Help
help> keywords

Here is a list of the Python keywords.
Enter any keyword to get more help.

False      def         if           raise
None       del         import      return
True       elif        in           try
and        else        is           while
as         except      lambda      with
assert     finally    nonlocal    yield
break     for         not
class     from        or
continue  global     pass

help> |
```



Keywords are the vocabulary of a programming language. Note that Python keywords are case-sensitive – these are all in lowercase except **False**, **None**, and **True**.