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### Python Activity 8: More ELIF

Programs with increasingly complex decision-making...

**Learning Objectives**  
Students will be able to:

*Content:*

- Implement the Python syntax of an if/elif/else statement
- Determine good test data for programs that include if/elif/else statements

*Process:*

- Write code that includes if statements and if/elif/else statements
- Write code that appropriately uses elif and else within an if-block

**Prior Knowledge**

- Boolean expressions, if/elif/else

#### Critical Thinking Questions:

1. Closely examine the Python program below.

**Python Program**

```
def heightMessage(height):  
    female_ht = 162.9 # average US female height (cm)  
    male_ht = 176.4  
  
    if height > male_ht:  
        print("You're taller than the average US male")  
    elif height >= female_ht:  
        print("You have the height of the average US female, or taller.")  
    else:  
        print("You're not taller than the average.")  
  
def main():  
    heightMessage(float(input("What is your height in cm? ")))  
  
main()
```



- a. List five numbers to test different parts of this program. Indicate what part of the program the number is testing. (Enter and test the code as a class / at home).

Number	Part Tested

**FYI:** **elif** is the Python keyword that represents **else if** and allows you to test for one of several options. As soon as one of the tests is true, the rest are ignored.



- b. Suppose you wanted to add the comment “Close to average!” for heights that are between 160.9 and 162.9. Where would you add it? Write the code for this additional choice:

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2. Closely examine the Python program below, it is similar to the previous code, except we replaced the `elif` with `if`:

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Python Program



```
def heightMessage(height):
    female_ht = 162.9 # average US female height (cm)
    male_ht = 176.4

    if height > male_ht:
        print("You're taller than the average US male")
    if height >= female_ht:
        print("You have the height of the average US female, or taller.")
    else:
        print("You're not taller than the average.")

def main():
    heightMessage(float(input("What is your height in cm? ")))

main()
```


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- a. This code will produce a different output than the previous code example, particularly, if you run this code with an input of 180, you will see the following output:

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You're taller than the average US male
You have the hight of the average US female, or taller.
```

How does this compare to the output we saw in the previous code example (only “You’re taller than the average US male”)?

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- b. What does this tell you about the difference between using a series of `if` statements, versus `elif`?

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**Application Questions: Use the Python Interpreter to check your work**

1. Write an `if/elif` statement that assigns a value to the variable **bonus** depending on the amount of sales. Assume the amount of the sales is stored in a variable called **sales**.

Sales	Bonus
$\geq 100,000$	10,000
$\geq 75,000$	5,000
$\geq 50,000$	2,500
$\geq 25,000$	1,000

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