

Solution Code

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def word_count(str):  
    counts = dict()  
    words = str.split()  
  
    for word in words:  
        if word in counts:  
            counts[word] += 1  
        else:  
            counts[word] = 1  
  
    return counts  
print( word_count('the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.'))
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