**Practice problem 1.**

When a word that ends in a (non-silent) vowel is followed by a word that begins with a consonant, there is no pause between them in spoken language. For example, "that is not true at all" is spoken as "that+is not true at+all". (We are usually not aware of this linking either when we speak or when we listen.)

Write a function named liaison() that identifies liaisons in a text.

**input:**
- a string that represents natural language (that is, words separated by spaces)

**output:**
- A string in which each word that ends in a vowel and is followed by a word that begins with a consonant is joined to the succeeding word with a plus (+) sign instead of a space.

**Hint:** look at the string method 'split'.

**Practice problem 2.**

Studies of spoken language for the purposes of speech generation have shown that the emphasis (loudness) of words follows subtle, unconscious patterns. One such pattern is that the first use of a significant word in a paragraph is spoken louder than subsequent occurrences.

Write a function named firstUse() that identifies the first use of words longer than four letters and puts those first occurrences in all caps

**input:**
- a string that contains space delimited words

**output**
- the input string, with the first use of each word longer than four letters in all caps.

**Hint:** look at the string methods 'index' and 'upper'.

**Practice problem 3.**

Write a function named mostCommonWord() that takes a space delimited text as a parameter and returns that most common word (not counting the articles 'a', 'an' and 'the') in the text.

**Hint:** look at the string method 'count'.