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import re
import random

destinations = {
    "beaches": ["Bali", "Maldives", "Phuket"],
    "mountains": ["Swiss Alps", "Rocky Mountains", "Himalayas"],
    "cities": ["Tokyo", "Paris", "New York"]
}

jokes = [
    "Why don't programmers like nature? Too many bugs!",
    "Why did the computer go to the doctor? Because it had a virus!",
    "Why do travelers always feel warm? Because of all their hot spots!"
]

def greet_user():
    print("Hello! I'm TravelBot, your virtual travel assistant.")
    name = input("May I know your name? ")
    print(f"Nice to meet you, {name}! How can I assist you today?")
    return name

def show_help():
    print("\nI can assist you with the following:")
    print("- Provide travel recommendations")
    print("- Check flight status")
    print("- Offer packing tips")
    print("- Tell travel jokes")
    print("Just ask me a question or type 'exit' to leave.\n")

def process_input(user_input):
    user_input = user_input.lower()
    user_input = re.sub(r'[\w\s]', '', user_input)
    return user_input

def provide_recommendations():
    print("TravelBot: Sure! Are you interested in beaches, mountains, or cities?")
    preference = input("You: ").lower()
    if preference in destinations:
        suggestion = random.choice(destinations[preference])
        print(f"TravelBot: How about visiting {suggestion}?")
    else:
        print("TravelBot: Sorry, I don't have recommendations for that preference.")

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def check_flight_status():
    print("TravelBot: Please enter your flight number:")
    flight_number = input("You: ")
    print(f"TravelBot: Checking progress of flight {flight_number}....")
    status = random.choice(["On Time", "Delayed", "Cancelled"])
    print(f"TravelBot: Your Flight {flight_number} is currently {status}.")

def offer_packing_tips():
    print("TravelBot: Where are you traveling to?")
    destination = input("You: ")
    print("TravelBot: How many days will you be staying?")
    days = input("You: ")

    if days.isdigit():
        print(f"TravelBot: Here are packing tips for {days} days in {destination}:")
        print("- Pack versatile clothing items.")
        print("- Don't forget travel adapters and chargers.")
        print("- Check the weather forecast before packing.")
        print("- Bring a reusable water bottle.")
        print("- Consider packing a small first-aid kit.")
    else:
        print("TravelBot: Please enter a valid number of days.")

def tell_joke():
    joke = random.choice(jokes)
    print(f"TravelBot: {joke}")

def chat():
    name = greet_user()
    show_help()
    while True:
        user_input = input(f"({name}): ")
        processed_input = process_input(user_input)
        if "recommendation" in processed_input or "suggest" in processed_input:
            provide_recommendations()
        elif "flight" in processed_input:
            check_flight_status()
        elif "pack" in processed_input or "packing" in processed_input:
            offer_packing_tips()
        elif "joke" in processed_input or "funny" in processed_input:
            tell_joke()

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elif "help" in processed_input:
    show_help()
elif "exit" in processed_input or "bye" in processed_input:
    print("TravelBot: Safe travels! Bye!")
    break
else:
    print("TravelBot: I'm sorry I couldn't quite catch that. Could you please rephrase?")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    chat()
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