

Don't forget the empty string! It's always good to check specifically whether it is or isn't in the language, and make sure your description, regular expression, etc appropriately includes or doesn't include it.

"Allows x " or "missing x " — the string x given is an example but not an exhaustive list of things included or excluded that shouldn't be.

#1 asked for a written-out set or an English description of the language, not a regular expression.

#2 asked for a simple English description of the language, not a description of the regular expression.

"Be careful with what's in the middle" — describing a language as strings starting with x and ending with y allows for anything between x and y . If the intent is that there isn't anything between x and y , the description should be " x followed by y ".