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/* SOURCE CODE OF THE FUNCTION THAT REMOVES SPACES AND PUNCTUATION FROM A PROVIDED  
(AS A PARAMETER) STRING */
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function strip(string_to_strip) {  
  var phrase = string_to_strip;  
  var index;  
  //find the occurrence of a space or punctuation mark in the string named phrase  
  index = phrase.search(/[ .,;:'!\?]/);  
  //while a space or punctuation is not found , then construct the stripped string  
  while ( index != -1){  
    //update the constructed stripped string  
    phrase = phrase.substring(0,index) + phrase.substring(index+1,phrase.length);  
    //find the occurrence of a space or punctuation mark in the string named phrase  
    index = phrase.search(/[ .,;:'!\?]/);  
  }  
  //return the stripped string  
  return phrase;  
}
```