

A read in FASTQ format

Name	@ERR194146.1 HSQ1008:141:D0CC8ACXX:3:1308:20201:36071/1
Sequence	ACATCTGGTTCCTACTTCAGGGCCATAAAGCCTAAATAGCCCACACGTTCCCCTTAAAT
(ignore)	+
Base qualities	?@@FFBFFDDHHBCEAFGEGIIDHGH@GDHHHGEHID@C?GGDG@FHIGGH@FHBEG:G

Base qualities

Bases and qualities line up:

```
AGCTCTGGTGACCCATGGGCAGCTGCTAGGGA
|||||
HHHHHHHHHHHHHGGCGC5FEFFFGHHHHH
```

Base quality is ASCII-encoded version of $Q = -10 \log_{10} p$

ASCII

0	<NUL>	32	<SPC>	64	@	96	`	128	Ä	160	†	192	¿	224	‡
1	<SOH>	33	!	65	A	97	a	129	Å	161	°	193	¡	225	·
2	<STX>	34	"	66	B	98	b	130	Ç	162	¢	194	¬	226	,
3	<ETX>	35	#	67	C	99	c	131	É	163	£	195	√	227	„
4	<EOT>	36	\$	68	D	100	d	132	Ñ	164	§	196	f	228	‰
5	<ENQ>	37	%	69	E	101	e	133	Ö	165	•	197	≈	229	Â
6	<ACK>	38	&	70	F	102	f	134	Ü	166	¶	198	Δ	230	Ê
7	<BEL>	39	'	71	G	103	g	135	á	167	β	199	«	231	Á
8	<BS>	40	(	72	H	104	h	136	à	168	®	200	»	232	Ë
9	<TAB>	41	)	73	I	105	i	137	â	169	©	201	...	233	È
10	<LF>	42	*	74	J	106	j	138	ä	170	™	202	...	234	Í
11	<VT>	43	+	75	K	107	k	139	ã	171	'	203	À	235	Î
12	<FF>	44	,	76	L	108	l	140	å	172	"	204	Ã	236	Ï
13	<CR>	45	-	77	M	109	m	141	ç	173	≠	205	Ö	237	ì
14	<SO>	46	.	78	N	110	n	142	é	174	Æ	206	Œ	238	Ó
15	<SI>	47	/	79	O	111	o	143	è	175	Ø	207	œ	239	Ô
16	<DLE>	48	0	80	P	112	p	144	ê	176	∞	208	-	240	Ⓜ
17	<DC1>	49	1	81	Q	113	q	145	ë	177	±	209	—	241	Ò
18	<DC2>	50	2	82	R	114	r	146	í	178	≤	210	"	242	Ú
19	<DC3>	51	3	83	S	115	s	147	ì	179	≥	211	"	243	Û
20	<DC4>	52	4	84	T	116	t	148	î	180	¥	212	'	244	Ü
21	<NAK>	53	5	85	U	117	u	149	ï	181	μ	213	'	245	ı
22	<SYN>	54	6	86	V	118	v	150	ñ	182	∂	214	÷	246	ˆ
23	<ETB>	55	7	87	W	119	w	151	ó	183	Σ	215	◊	247	˜
24	<CAN>	56	8	88	X	120	x	152	ò	184	Π	216	ÿ	248	—
25		57	9	89	Y	121	y	153	ô	185	π	217	ÿ	249	˘
26	<SUB>	58	:	90	Z	122	z	154	ö	186	∫	218	/	250	·
27	<ESC>	59	;	91	[	123	{	155	õ	187	ª	219	€	251	°
28	<FS>	60	<	92	\	124	|	156	ú	188	º	220	<	252	¸
29	<GS>	61	=	93	]	125	}	157	ù	189	Ω	221	>	253	”
30	<RS>	62	>	94	^	126	~	158	û	190	æ	222	fi	254	¸
31	<US>	63	?	95	_	127		159	ü	191	ø	223	fi	255	˘

Base qualities

Usual ASCII encoding is "Phred+33":

take Q, rounded to integer, add 33, convert to character

```
def QtoPhred33(Q):
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```
    """ Turn Q into Phred+33 ASCII-encoded quality """
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    return chr(Q + 33)
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←
(converts character to integer according to ASCII table)

```
def phred33ToQ(qual):
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```
    """ Turn Phred+33 ASCII-encoded quality into Q """
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```
    return ord(qual) - 33
```

←
(converts integer to character according to ASCII table)