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Subject: convert string into the name of a variable

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Hi!

Is there anybody who could tell me if there is an IDL instruction, like in Matlab, able to convert a string into the name of a variable and vice-versa? I mean if I have defined :

```
a=1
b=2
list=['a','b']
```

I would like to write:

```
print,somme_instruction(list[0])
```

and to get:

```
1
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Thank you

Frederic

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