You can print formatted output to the console using the `printf` method. Can you obtain a formatted string? To accomplish this, use the `format` method in the `String` class to create a formatted string. The syntax to invoke this method is

```java
String.format(format, item1, item2, ..., itemk)
```

This method is similar to the `printf` method except that the `format` method returns a formatted string, whereas the `printf` method displays a formatted string. For example,

```java
String s = String.format("count is %d and amount is %f", 5, 45.56));
```

creates a formatted string "count is 5 and amount is 45.560000".