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Imagine a vehicle factory where different kinds of vehicles are produced - cars, electric scooters

Characters :

- abstract class : vehicle (common blueprint, shared logic like)
- Interface : Electricpowered (Some vehicles can be charged)

Why the difference?

- All vehicles have a base structure → use an abstract class vehicle.
- Not all vehicles are electric, but some can be → use an interface Electricpowered.

When to use what?

- use abstract class when
- You want to share common behavior class across multiple related classes.
- You want to provide base implementation

→ Use Interface when

⇒ You want to define a contract without enforcing structure.

• You want multiple inheritance to type (Java doesn't allow multiple class inheritance).

Java application example,  
code:

```
Interface Electricpowered {  
    void chargeBattery();  
}
```

```
abstract class vehicle {
```

```
    String brand;
```

```
    vehicle (String brand) {
```

```
        this.brand = brand;
```

```
    }
```

```
    abstract void startEngine();
```

```
    void stopEngine() {
```

```
        System.out.println (brand + " Engine stopped.");  
    }
```

class Electriccar extends vehicle implements Electriccar {

Electriccar (String brand) {

super (brand);

void startEngine () {

System.out.println (brand + ": Electric Engine started.");

public void changeBattery () {

System.out.println (brand + ": Charging battery...");

class petrolBike extends vehicle {

petrolBike (String brand) {

super (brand);

void startEngine () {

System.out.println (brand + ": petrol engine started.");



## Main class :

```
public class VehicleFactory {  
    public static void main (String[] args) {  
        ElectricCar tesla = new ElectricCar("Tesla")  
        petrolBike yamaha = new petrolBike("Yamaha")  
  
        tesla.startEngine();  
        tesla.changeEngine();  
        tesla.stopEngine();  
  
        System.out.println("~~~~~");  
  
        Yamaha.startEngine();  
        Yamaha.stopEngine();  
    }  
}
```

## Conclusion :

- Use abstract class when building a family or related object that share code.
- Use interface when you need to support multiple capabilities across unrelated classes.

To summarize the differences between abstract class and interface - in - java

Feature	Abstract class	Interface
Inheritance	A class can extend only one abstract class	A class implement multiple interfaces
Method Implementation	can have implemented and abstract method	All methods are abstract by default
constructor	can have constructor	can not constructor
use case	used for objects that are closely related	used to define a contract on capability
Example Scenario	vehicle (base for car, truck, etc)	Drivable, Flyable, Serializable
performance overhead	Slightly more overhead due to possible base logic	Usually lighter as it contains no logic