Discuss what parameters are within the context of Python functions. As part of your discussion indicate whether a parameter is also a local variable. (In other words, what is a Python function parameter and how is it used effectively in programming)

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Parameters are names that appear in a function definition. When an argument is provided in the function call, the argument is assigned to the parameter. The parameter can then be used (as a variable) in further actions taken by the function. However, the parameter does not become a variable in the usual context , ie. it only exists within the function, and outside of it, the argument does not remain assigned to the parameter as a var.