

# JavaScript learning path

Awesome—here are the **solutions (Q1–Q10)** with **engine-accurate reasoning** (memory phase → execution phase), plus brief interview notes.

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## ✓ Q1 — Hoisting + Shadowing

js

```
var a = 5;
function test() {
  console.log(a);
  var a = 10;
  console.log(a);
}
test();
```

**Memory phase (inside `test`):** `var a` is hoisted → `a = undefined` (shadows outer `a`).

**Execution:**

- `console.log(a) → undefined`
- `a = 10`
- `console.log(a) → 10`

**Output**

javascript

```
undefined
10
```

**Interview note:** Inner `var` **shadows** outer binding and is hoisted as `undefined`.

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## ✓ Q2 — `const` & Reassignment

js

```
const arr = [1, 2, 3];
```

```
arr.push(4);
```

```
console.log(arr);
```

```
arr = [5, 6, 7];
```

```
console.log(arr);
```

- `arr.push(4)` mutates the array (allowed) → `[1, 2, 3, 4]`
- `arr = [...]` tries to **reassign** the binding (illegal for `const`) → **TypeError**

## Output

```
vbnet
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
TypeError: Assignment to constant variable.
```

**Interview note:** `const` freezes the **binding**, not the **value**.

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## ✓ Q3 — TDZ Trick

```
js
```

```
{
```

```
  console.log(x);
```

```
  let x = 100;
```

```
}
```

```
let x exists in the block but is in TDZ until its declaration line executes.
```

## Output

```
pgsql
```

```
ReferenceError: Cannot access 'x' before initialization
```

## ✓ Q4 — Global vs Block Scope

```
js
```

```
var x = 1;  
let y = 2;  
  
{  
  var x = 10;  
  let y = 20;  
  console.log(x, y);  
}  
  
console.log(x, y);
```

- Inside block: `x` refers to the **same** `var x` (function/global-scoped) → becomes `10`; `y` is a new block `let` → `20`.
- Outside block: `x` is now `10`; outer `y` unchanged → `2`.

## Output

```
10 20  
10 2
```

**Interview note:** `var` ignores blocks; `let` is block-scoped.

## ✓ Q5 — Function Hoisting with `var` (Expression)

```
js  
  
sayHi();  
var sayHi = function () {  
  console.log("Hi!");  
};
```

**Memory phase:** `sayHi` (`var`) → `undefined`. (Function **expression** not hoisted as a function.)

**Execution:** `sayHi()` while value is `undefined` → **TypeError** ("not a function").

## Output

```
vbnet
```

TypeError: sayHi is not a function

## ✓ Q6 — Loop Trap (the classic)

js

```
for (var i = 0; i < 3; i++) {  
    setTimeout(() => console.log(i), 100);  
}
```

Single `var i` shared; after loop ends `i = 3`. Timers fire later → log `3` three times.

### Output

```
3  
3  
3
```

Fix: use `let i` (new binding per iteration) → prints `0,1,2`.

## 🧠 Q7 — Function vs var Hoisting Clash

js

```
console.log(foo);  
function foo() { return "I am a function"; }  
var foo = "I am a variable";  
console.log(foo);
```

### Memory phase:

- Function declaration hoisted as a function.
- `var foo` hoisted as existing binding (already created), initialization to string happens at runtime.

### Execution:

- First `console.log(foo)` → logs the function.

- Then `foo = "I am a variable"`.
- Second `console.log(foo)` → `"I am a variable"`.

## Output

javascript

```
f foo() { ... } // conceptually: the function object
I am a variable
```

**Interview note:** Function declarations win over `var` during creation; runtime assignment can overwrite them.

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## 🧠 Q8 — Closure + var/let (timers & order)

js

```
function counter() {
  for (var i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
    setTimeout(() => console.log("var:", i), i * 100);
  }
  for (let j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
    setTimeout(() => console.log("let:", j), j * 100);
  }
}
counter();
```

- `var` loop: one shared `i` → ends as `3` → prints `var: 3` three times.
- `let` loop: new `j` per iteration → prints `let: 0, 1, 2`.

**Scheduling order** (first loop schedules before second):

- ~0ms: `var: 3`, then `let: 0`
- ~100ms: `var: 3`, then `let: 1`
- ~200ms: `var: 3`, then `let: 2`

## Output (typical)

csharp

```
var: 3
let: 0
var: 3
```

```
let: 1  
var: 3  
let: 2
```

**Interview note:** Same-delay timers usually run in the order scheduled.

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## 🧠 Q9 — TDZ with Default Parameters

```
js  
  
function test(x = y, y = 2) {  
    console.log(x, y);  
}  
test();
```

Default params evaluate **left-to-right** in the **parameter scope**. When evaluating `x = y`, `y` isn't initialized yet → TDZ.

### Output

```
pgsql  
  
ReferenceError: Cannot access 'y' before initialization
```

**Interview note:** Parameter default evaluation order matters.

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## 🧠 Q10 — `const` object + `Object.freeze`

```
js  
  
const obj = { name: "JS" };  
obj.name = "JavaScript";  
console.log(obj);  
  
Object.freeze(obj);  
obj.name = "ECMAScript";  
console.log(obj);
```

- Mutating before freeze: allowed → `{ name: "JavaScript" }`.
- After `freeze`: properties become **non-writable, non-configurable**.

- In **non-strict mode**: assignment fails **silently**.
- In **strict mode**: throws **TypeError**.

## Output (non-strict)

css

```
{ name: "JavaScript" }  
{ name: "JavaScript" }
```

**Interview note:** `freeze` is **shallow**; nested objects remain mutable unless deep-frozen.

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## Rapid Recap

- Hoisting: `var` → `undefined`, `function` → `function`, `let/const` → TDZ .
  - `var` shadows + leaks across blocks; `let/const` don't.
  - Default parameters evaluate left-to-right (watch TDZ).
  - `const` locks the binding; `freeze` locks (shallow) the object.
  - Closures + `var` in loops cause the “3,3,3” bug.
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Want another practice round that mixes **operators**, **coercion quirks** (`==` vs `===`), and **data types** next? That'll set us up perfectly for the **Data Types** lesson right after.