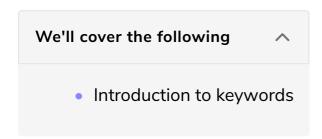# Keywords in C++

In this lesson, you will see the reserved list of keywords in C++.

Introduction to keywords

Keywords are the collection of reserved words and predefined identifiers in C++. We cannot use keywords as an identifier or a function name.

> 📝 **Do you know?**
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> The identifiers that are defined by the compiler are known as **predefined identifiers**. We can change their meaning later in a program. The `main` keyword is a predefined identifier. We can declare a variable called `main` inside our function. However, we cannot do the same thing with the `else` keyword because it is a reserved word.

Here is the list of commonly used keywords in C++.

Keywords in C++				
auto	continue	enum	if	short
break	default	extern	int	signed
case	do	float	long	sizeof
char	double	for	register	static
const	else	goto	return	struct
switch	typedef	union	unsigned	volatile
while	asm	dynamic_cast	namespace	reinterpret_cast
bool	explicit	static_cast	false	catch
operator	template	friend	private	class
this	inline	public	throw	const_cast
delete	mutable	protected	true	try
typeid	typename	using	virtual	wchar_t

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