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When you know exactly how many times you want to loop through a block of code, use the `for` loop instead of a `while` loop:

Syntax

```java
for (statement 1; statement 2; statement 3) {
  // code block to be executed
}
```
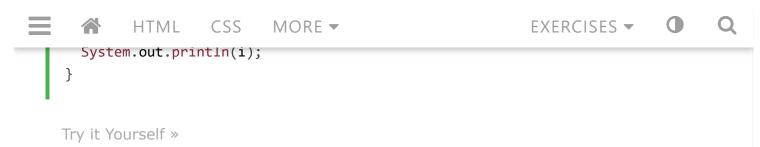
Statement 1 is executed (one time) before the execution of the code block.

Statement 2 defines the condition for executing the code block.

Statement 3 is executed (every time) after the code block has been executed.

The example below will print the numbers 0 to 4:

Example

```
    System.out.println(i);
}
```

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Example explained

Statement 1 sets a variable before the loop starts (int i = 0).

Statement 2 defines the condition for the loop to run (i must be less than 5). If the condition is true, the loop will start over again, if it is false, the loop will end.

Statement 3 increases a value (i++) each time the code block in the loop has been executed.

Another Example

This example will only print even values between 0 and 10:

Example

```java
for (int i = 0; i <= 10; i = i + 2) {
  System.out.println(i);
}
```

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For-Each Loop

There is also a "**for-each**" loop, which is used exclusively to loop through elements in an **array**:

```
for (type variableName : arrayName) {
  // code block to be executed
}
```

The following example outputs all elements in the **cars** array, using a "**for-each**" loop:

Example

```
String[] cars = {"Volvo", "BMW", "Ford", "Mazda"};
for (String i : cars) {
  System.out.println(i);
}
```

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Note: Don't worry if you don't understand the example above. You will learn more about Arrays in the Java Arrays chapter.

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Exercise:

Use a `for` loop to print "Yes" 5 times.

```
  (int i = 0; i < 5;      ) {
    System.out.println(      );
  }
```

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