

JavaScript Function Parameters

1. What are parameters?

Parameters are variables listed inside the parentheses of a function definition. They act as placeholders that allow you to pass values (called arguments) into a function when it is called.

```
function greet(name) {  
  console.log("Hello, " + name + "!");  
}  
  
greet("Alice"); // Output: Hello, Alice!
```

2. Why are parameters used?

Parameters make functions reusable and flexible. Instead of hardcoding values, you can pass different data each time.

```
function add(a, b) {  
  return a + b;  
}  
  
console.log(add(5, 3)); // 8  
console.log(add(10, 20)); // 30
```

3. What can be the name of a parameter?

Parameter names follow the same rules as variable names in JavaScript: ✓ Can contain letters, numbers, `_`, and `$` ✓ Cannot start with a number ✓ Cannot be a reserved keyword

```
// Valid examples  
function calculateSum(num1, num2) { ... }  
function greetUser(user_name) { ... }  
function $getPrice(value) { ... }  
  
// Invalid examples  
function my-function(x, y) { ... } // Hyphen not allowed  
function 2values(a, b) { ... } // Cannot start with number  
function let(x) { ... } // Reserved word
```

4. How many parameters can be passed to a function?

In JavaScript, a function can take any number of parameters. Technically, there is no strict limit. Additionally, JavaScript provides special ways to handle unknown numbers of parameters: the arguments object and rest parameters (`...args`).

```
function showValues(a, b, c, d) {  
  console.log(a, b, c, d);  
}  
  
showValues(1, 2, 3, 4); // Output: 1 2 3 4  
  
// Using rest parameter  
function sumAll(...numbers) {  
  return numbers.reduce((total, num) => total + num, 0);  
}  
  
console.log(sumAll(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)); // 15  
console.log(sumAll(10, 20)); // 30
```