

# VARIABLE DECLARATION

In JavaScript, you can declare variables using three keywords: `var`, `let`, and `const`. The choice of which keyword to use depends on the scope and mutability requirements of the variable.

## **1. var (Function-scoped or Globally-scoped):**

Variables declared with `var` are function-scoped or globally-scoped, meaning they are accessible throughout the entire function or globally if declared outside any function.

**eg:** `var x = 10;`

Variables declared with `var` are hoisted, which means the declaration is moved to the top of its scope during the compilation phase.

**eg:**

```
function example() {  
  console.log(y); // Outputs: undefined  
  
  var y = 20;  
  
  console.log(y); // Outputs: 20  
}
```

## **2. let (Block-scoped, Reassignable):**

**eg:** `let a = 5;`

Variables declared with `let` are block-scoped, meaning they are only accessible within the block or statement where they are defined.

Unlike `var`, variables declared with `let` are not hoisted until the line of code where they are defined.

**eg:** `if (true) {`  
    `let b = 10;`  
    `console.log(b); // Outputs: 10`  
`}`  
  
`// console.log(b); // Error: b is not defined`

### **3. const (Block-scoped, Immutable):**

**eg:** `const PI = 3.14;`

Variables declared with `const` are block-scoped like `let`, but they cannot be reassigned once they are assigned a value.

It's important to note that while `const` makes the variable itself immutable, it doesn't make the object it points to immutable. If the variable is an object or an array, the properties or elements of that object or array can still be modified.

In modern JavaScript, it's generally recommended to use `let` and `const` over `var` for better scoping and to avoid potential issues associated with hoisting. Use `let` when you need to reassign a variable, and use `const` when you want to create an immutable variable.