

Absolutely! Here's a notes/info sheet on introducing simple classes in Python:

## Understanding Classes

- **Blueprint for Objects:** Classes define a structure for creating objects in Python. They act as templates.
- **Attributes:** Data associated with objects within a class (e.g., a 'name' attribute for a 'Person' class).
- **Methods:** Functions that belong to a class, defining actions an object can perform (e.g., an 'introduce\_yourself' method for a 'Person' class).

## Defining a Class

Python

```
class Dog:
    def __init__(self, name, breed):
        self.name = name
        self.breed = breed

    def bark(self):
        print("Woof!")
```

- **Explanation:**
  - The `class` keyword starts the class definition.
  - `__init__(self, ...)`: The constructor method. It's automatically called when a new object of this class is created, providing initial values.
  - `self`: Refers to the specific object being created or used.
  - Other methods (`bark` in this example) define behaviors.

## Creating Objects (Instances)

Python

```
fido = Dog("Fido", "Labrador") # Creating an object of the Dog class
```

- **Explanation:**
  - `fido` is the object variable.
  - `Dog("Fido", "Labrador")` calls the `Dog` class constructor, passing in the name and breed.

## Using Objects

Python

```
fido.bark() # Output: Woof!
print(fido.name) # Output: Fido
```

- **Explanation:**
  - Access object attributes using dot notation (`.name`).
  - Call object methods using dot notation (`.bark()`).

## Example: A More Complex Class

Python

```
class Student:
    def __init__(self, name, major, gpa):
        self.name = name
        self.major = major
        self.gpa = gpa

    def on_honor_roll(self):
        return self.gpa >= 3.5
```

## Key Concepts

- **Inheritance:** Creating new classes that inherit properties and methods from existing classes.
- **Encapsulation:** Bundling attributes and methods within a class to control access and organization.
- **Polymorphism:** The ability of objects of different classes to respond to the same method call in different ways.

## Remember

- Classes promote code reusability and organization.
- Start with simple examples, and gradually increase complexity.
- Real-world objects are great inspirations for designing your classes!

## Full dog class example

```
class Dog:
    def __init__(self, name, breed, intellect):
        self.name = name
        self.breed = breed
        self.intellect = intellect

    # Get methods
    def get_name(self):
        return self.name

    def get_breed(self):
        return self.breed

    def get_intellect(self):
        return self.intellect

    # Set methods
    def set_name(self, new_name):
        self.name = new_name

    def set_breed(self, new_breed):
        self.breed = new_breed

    def set_intellect(self, new_intellect):
        self.intellect = new_intellect

    # Comparison method
    def is_smarter_than(self, other_dog):
        return self.intellect > other_dog.get_intellect()
```

### How to use it:

#### Python

```
# Create two Dog objects
dog1 = Dog("Buddy", "Golden Retriever", 8)
dog2 = Dog("Max", "Poodle", 9)

# Get information
print(dog1.get_name()) # Output: Buddy

# Update information
dog2.set_breed("Border Collie")

# Comparison
if dog2.is_smarter_than(dog1):
    print(dog2.get_name() + " is smarter than " + dog1.get_name())
else:
    print(dog1.get_name() + " is smarter than " + dog2.get_name())
```

### Explanation:

- **Constructor (`__init__`):** Takes the initial values for name, breed, and intellect when a `Dog` object is created.
- **Get methods (`get_name`, `get_breed`, `get_intellect`):** Provide access to the object's attributes in a controlled manner.
- **Set Methods (`set_name`, `set_breed`, `set_intellect`):** Allow you to modify an object's attributes after it's been created.
- **Comparison Method (`is_smarter_than`):** Compares the intellect of the current `Dog` object (`self`) with another `Dog` object's intellect.