



# 5.G: ITERATIONS (GLOSSARY)



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### accumulator

A variable used in a loop to add up or accumulate a result.

#### counter

A variable used in a loop to count the number of times something happened. We initialize a counter to zero and then increment the counter each time we want to "count" something.

### decrement

An update that decreases the value of a variable.

### initialize

An assignment that gives an initial value to a variable that will be updated.

### increment

An update that increases the value of a variable (often by one).

## infinite loop

A loop in which the terminating condition is never satisfied or for which there is no terminating condition.

### iteration

Repeated execution of a set of statements using either a function that calls itself or a loop.