For my abstraction analogy I am going to discuss driving a car. All cars "drive" or "go" which could be labeled as a real-life function. We don't see under the hood of the car while we're driving so we don't know exactly how it is working. We can call it by pressing on the gas pedal and get a return by the car moving. The parameter could be considered the pressure that we apply to the gas pedal determines how fast the car moves.