

# JavaScript Objects Cheat Sheet

## Object Basics

- **Creation:** `let obj = {key: value};`
- **Access:** `obj.key` or `obj["key"]` (brackets for dynamic/special keys)
- **Add/Modify:** `obj.newKey = value;` or `obj["newKey"] = value;`
- **Delete:** `delete obj.key;`
- **Check existence:** `"key" in obj` or `Object.hasOwn(obj, "key")`

## Object Methods

- **Keys:** `Object.keys(obj)` → array of keys
- **Values:** `Object.values(obj)` → array of values
- **Entries:** `Object.entries(obj)` → array of [key, value] pairs
- **FromEntries:** `Object.fromEntries(array)` → object from [key, value] pairs
- **Loop:** `for (let key in obj) { ... }`

## ES6 Shortcuts

- **Property shorthand:** `const obj = { name, age }; (uses existing variables)`
- **Method shorthand:** `const obj = { method() { ... } };`
- **Dynamic keys:** `const obj = { [keyName]: value };`

## Creating Objects

1. **Object literal:** `let obj = {key: value};`
2. **Constructor:** `function Person(name) { this.name = name; }`
3. **Factory:** `function createPerson(name) { return {name}; }`

## Advanced Concepts

- **Nested objects:** `obj.address.city` (objects inside objects)
- **Optional chaining:** `obj?.prop?.subprop` (prevents errors)
- **Destructuring:** `const {name, age} = person;`
- **Rename in destructure:** `const {name: fullName} = person;`

- **Nested destructuring:** `const {address: {city}} = person;`

## Copying Objects

- **Shallow copy:**
  - `Object.assign({}, obj)`
  - `{...obj}`
- **Deep copy:**
  - `structuredClone(obj)`
  - `JSON.parse(JSON.stringify(obj))`

## Immutability

- **Freeze:** `Object.freeze(obj)` (no changes allowed)
- **Seal:** `Object.seal(obj)` (modify existing only)

## Remember

- Objects are reference types (copied by reference)
- Modifying nested objects in shallow copies affects the original
- Use dot notation for known keys, bracket notation for dynamic keys
- Always use `this` in object methods to refer to the object itself

# 🏆 JavaScript Objects Quick Reference Tables 🏆

## 📦 Basic Object Operations

Operation	Syntax	Example
Create	<code>{}</code>	<code>let person = {name: "John", age: 30};</code>
Access	<code>.</code> or <code>[]</code>	<code>person.name</code> or <code>person["name"]</code>
Add/Update	<code>.prop =</code> or <code>["prop"] =</code>	<code>person.email = "john@example.com";</code>
Delete	<code>delete</code>	<code>delete person.age;</code>
Check existence	<code>in</code> or <code>hasOwn()</code>	<code>"name" in person</code> or <code>Object.hasOwn(person, "name")</code>

## 🔄 Object Methods

Method	Purpose	Example	Result
<code>Object.keys()</code>	Get all keys	<code>Object.keys(person)</code>	<code>["name", "age"]</code>
<code>Object.values()</code>	Get all values	<code>Object.values(person)</code>	<code>["John", 30]</code>
<code>Object.entries()</code>	Get key-value pairs	<code>Object.entries(person)</code>	<code>[["name", "John"], ["age", 30]]</code>
<code>Object.fromEntries()</code>	Array to object	<code>Object.fromEntries([["a", 1], ["b", 2]])</code>	<code>{a: 1, b: 2}</code>
<code>for...in</code>	Loop over keys	<code>for (let key in person) {...}</code>	Iterates all keys

## 🚀 ES6 Shortcuts

Feature	Old Syntax	ES6 Syntax
Property shorthand	<code>{name: name}</code>	<code>{name}</code>
Method shorthand	<code>{add: function(x,y){...}}</code>	<code>{add(x,y){...}}</code>
Dynamic keys	<code>obj["key"] = value</code>	<code>{[keyName]: value}</code>
Spread operator	<code>Object.assign({}, obj)</code>	<code>{...obj}</code>

## 🔧 Ways to Create Objects

Method	Syntax	Use Case
Object literal	<code>let obj = {key: value};</code>	Simple objects
Constructor	<code>function Person(name){this.name=name}</code>	Multiple similar objects
Factory function	<code>function createPerson(name){return {name}}</code>	Objects with private data
Object.create	<code>Object.create(prototype)</code>	Prototypal inheritance

## Advanced Features

Feature	Syntax	Purpose
Nested objects	<code>person.address.city</code>	Organize related data
Optional chaining	<code>person?.address?.city</code>	Safe access to nested props
Destructuring	<code>const {name, age} = person;</code>	Extract multiple properties
Rename in destructure	<code>const {name: fullName} = person;</code>	Extract with new names
Nested destructuring	<code>const {address: {city}} = person;</code>	Extract from nested objects

## Object Copying

Copy Type	Methods	Behavior with Nested Objects
Shallow	<code>Object.assign({}, obj)</code> <code>{...obj}</code>	Nested objects remain references
Deep	<code>structuredClone(obj)</code> <code>JSON.parse(JSON.stringify(obj))</code>	All nested objects are copied

## Immutability Options

Method	Effect	Can Modify Properties?	Can Add/Delete?
<code>Object.freeze()</code>	Complete immutability	❌ No	❌ No
<code>Object.seal()</code>	Prevents adding/deleting	✅ Yes	❌ No

## Common Patterns & Gotchas

Scenario	Description	Solution
Reference comparison	<code>{ } === { }</code> is always false	Compare specific properties instead
Mutating original in copies	Changes to nested objects affect original	Use deep copy methods
Method context	<code>this</code> may change when method is passed around	Use <code>bind()</code> , arrow functions, or method shorthand
Dynamic access	Need to use variable as key	Use bracket notation: <code>obj[dynamicKey]</code>