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class Shape BASE CLASS
{
    void printNumber(int number)
    {
        cout << "I am a shape – printing number" << number << endl;
    }
};
```

```
class Rectangle : public Shape DERIVED CLASS
{
    void printNumber()
    {
        cout << "I am a rectangle – printing number" << endl;
    }
};
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```
Example61.cpp:53:5: error: too many arguments to function call, expected 0, have 1; did you mean 'Shape::printNumber'?  
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Shape::printNumber

```
Example61.cpp:10:8: note: 'Shape::printNumber' declared here
```

```
    void printNumber(int number)
```

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```
1 error generated.
```


ADDING THE SCOPE RESOLUTION OPERATOR WILL UNHIDE IT

```
Rectangle r;  
r.printNumber(); // works OK  
r.Shape::printNumber(10); // works OK now
```

BUT JUST NEVER “HIDE NAMES”
LIKE THIS. ITS JUST WEIRD.