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A CLASS IS BASICALLY A STRUCT ON STEROIDS

AN OBJECT IS A VARIABLE OF THAT CLASS

“OBJECT” AND “CLASS” ARE POSSIBLY THE 2
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**BASICS OF INHERITANCE: LET'S GET ONE
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