

Function Name	Function Description	Example
Function	<p>A JavaScript function is a block of code designed to perform a particular task.</p> <p>A JavaScript function is executed when "something" invokes it (calls it).</p>	NA
Function Syntax	<p>A JavaScript function is defined with the function keyword, followed by a name, followed by parentheses ().</p> <p>Function names can contain letters, digits, underscores, and dollar signs (same rules as variables).</p> <p>The parentheses may include parameter names separated by commas: (parameter1, parameter2, ...)</p> <p>The code to be executed, by the function, is placed inside curly brackets: {}</p> <p>Function parameters are listed inside the parentheses () in the function definition.</p> <p>Function arguments are the values received by the function when it is invoked.</p> <p>Inside the function, the arguments (the parameters) behave as local variables.</p>	<pre>// Function to compute the product of p1 and p2 function myFunction(p1, p2) { return p1 * p2; }</pre>
Function Invocation	<p>The code inside the function will execute when "something" invokes (calls) the function:</p> <p>When an event occurs (when a user clicks a button)</p> <p>When it is invoked (called) from JavaScript code</p> <p>Automatically (self invoked)</p>	NA
Function Return	<p>When JavaScript reaches a return statement, the function will stop executing.</p> <p>If the function was invoked from a statement, JavaScript will "return" to execute the code after the invoking statement.</p> <p>Functions often compute a return value. The return value is "returned" back to the "caller".</p>	<pre>// Function is called, the return value will end up in x let x = myFunction(4, 3); function myFunction(a, b) { // Function returns the product of a and b return a * b; }</pre>

The () Operator	<p>The () operator invokes (calls) the function.</p> <p>Accessing a function with incorrect parameters can return an incorrect answer.</p> <p>Accessing a function without () returns the function and not the function result.</p> <p>As you see from the examples above, toCelsius refers to the function object, and toCelsius() refers to the function result.</p>	<p>Eg 1: function toCelsius(fahrenheit) { return (5/9) * (fahrenheit-32); }</p> <p>let value = toCelsius(77);</p> <p>Eg 2: function toCelsius(fahrenheit) { return (5/9) * (fahrenheit-32); }</p> <p>let value = toCelsius();</p> <p>Eg 3: function toCelsius(fahrenheit) { return (5/9) * (fahrenheit-32); }</p> <p>let value = toCelsius;</p>
Function Expressions	<p>A JavaScript function can also be defined using an expression.</p> <p>A function expression can be stored in a variable.</p> <p>After a function expression has been stored in a variable, the variable can be used as a function.</p> <p>The function above is actually an anonymous function (a function without a name).</p> <p>Functions stored in variables do not need function names. They are always invoked (called) using the variable name.</p> <p>The function above ends with a semicolon because it is a part of an executable statement.</p>	<p>const x = function (a, b) {return a * b}; let z = x(4, 3);</p>

Function Hoisting	<p>Hoisting is JavaScript's default behavior of moving declarations to the top of the current scope.</p> <p>Hoisting applies to variable declarations and to function declarations.</p> <p>Because of this, JavaScript functions can be called before they are declared:</p> <p>Functions defined using an expression are not hoisted.</p>	<pre>myFunction(5); function myFunction(y) { return y * y; }</pre>
Self-Invoking Functions	<p>Function expressions can be made "self-invoking".</p> <p>A self-invoking expression is invoked (started) automatically, without being called.</p> <p>Function expressions will execute automatically if the expression is followed by ().</p> <p>You cannot self-invoke a function declaration.</p> <p>You have to add parentheses around the function to indicate that it is a function expression</p>	<pre>(function () { let x = "Hello!!"; // I will invoke myself })();</pre>
Arrow Functions	<p>Arrow functions allows a short syntax for writing function expressions.</p> <p>You don't need the function keyword, the return keyword, and the curly brackets.</p> <p>Arrow functions do not have their own this. They are not well suited for defining object methods.</p> <p>Arrow functions are not hoisted. They must be defined before they are used.</p> <p>Using const is safer than using var, because a function expression is always constant value.</p> <p>You can only omit the return keyword and the curly brackets if the function is a single statement. Because of this, it might be a good habit to always keep them</p>	<pre>const x = (x, y) => { return x * y };</pre>