

## language fundamentals

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IDENTIFIERS → which can be use for Identification purpose.

Eg → class name, method name, variable name & label name (L1, L2).

A name in a java program is called a identifier which can be used for identification purpose.

```
eg → class ①Test {  
        public static void ②main (③String  
        ④[]) ⑤array)  
        {  
            int ⑥x = 10;  
        }  
    }
```

In this example, 5 identifiers are there.



## \* Rules for defining identifiers

- ① only allowed identifiers -  
a to z, A to Z, 0 to 9, \$ & underscore.

eg → total number (✓)  
total # (X)

If we use any other character we will get compile time error.

- ② total123 (✓)  
123total (X)

Identifiers should not start with digits.

- ③ Java identifiers are case-sensitive.  
Java language itself is a case-sensitive language.

```
class Test  
{
```

```
    int number = 10;  
    int Number = 20;  
    int NUMBER = 30;  
}
```



④ There is no length limit for JAVA identifiers but it is not recommended to take too lengthy identifiers.

⑤ We can't use reserved words as identifiers.

Eg → `int x = 10;` (✓)  
`int if = 20;` (X) Invalid

⑥ All pre-defined java class names & interface names can be use as identifiers.

Eg → 

```
class Test {  
    public static void main (String [] args)  
    {  
        int String = 888; | int Runnable = 999;  
        Super (String); | Super (Runnable);  
    }  
}
```

Even though it is valid but it is not good programming practice because it reduces readability & create confusion.

Ques :

Which of the following are valid JAVA identifiers ?

total\_number (✓)

total# (X)

123total (X)

total123 (✓)

ca\$h (✓)

-\$-\$-\$-\$ (✓)

all@hands (X)

Java 2share (✓)

Integer (✓)

Int (✓)

int (X)