

Method

A package of instructions

Needs to be called

Using arguments and parameters

- defined *explicitly* using the return keyword OR
- is the last line of code run, if no return keyword was used

In the say_goodbye example below, notice we included the puts command in the last line of the method instead of returning a data point. The return value is nil because the last line of code is puts "See you later", and puts is a built-in command with a return value of nil. *This is generally not a best practice, because the method doesn't return any usable data.*