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### Vocabulary

Identify the vocabulary word for each definition below:

Anonymous Blocks	Unnamed blocks of code not stored in the database and do not exist after they are executed
Function	A program that computes and returns a single value
Subprograms	Named PL/SQL blocks that are stored in the database and can be declared as procedures or functions
Compiler	Software that checks and translates programs written in high-level programming languages into binary code to execute
Procedure	A program that performs an action, but does not have to return a value

### Try It / Solve It

1. Complete the following chart defining the syntactical requirements for a PL/SQL block:

	Optional or Mandatory?	Describe what is included in this section
DECLARE	Optional	Declarations of all : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• variables,</li><li>• constants,</li><li>• cursors,</li><li>• and user-defined exceptions</li></ul>
BEGIN	Mandatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SQL statements to retrieve data from the database</li><li>• PL/SQL statements to manipulate data in the block.</li></ul> Notes : Must contain at least one statement.
EXCEPTION	Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Actions to perform when errors</li><li>• abnormal conditions arise in the executable section.</li></ul>
END;	Mandatory	End; (with semicolon)

2. Which of the following PL/SQL blocks executes successfully? For the blocks that fail, explain why they fail

a. BEGIN

END;

Answer : FAIL. After BEGIN we must have something or NULL;

b. DECLARE

```
amount INTEGER(10);
```

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END;
```

Answer : FAIL. Because the BEGIN is missing. BEGIN and END is mandatory

c. DECLARE

```
BEGIN
```

```
END;
```

Answer : FAIL. After BEGIN we must have something or NULL;

d. DECLARE

```
amount NUMBER(10);
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(amount);
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END;
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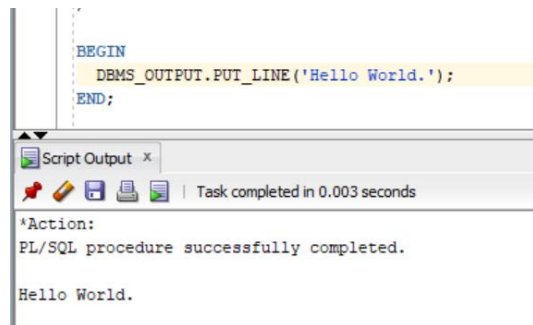
Answer : SUCCESS

3. Fill in the blanks:

a. PL/SQL blocks that have no names are called Anonymous Blocks

b. Procedure and Function are named blocks and are stored in the database.

4. In Application Express, create and execute a simple anonymous block that outputs "Hello World."



```
BEGIN
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Hello World. ');
END;
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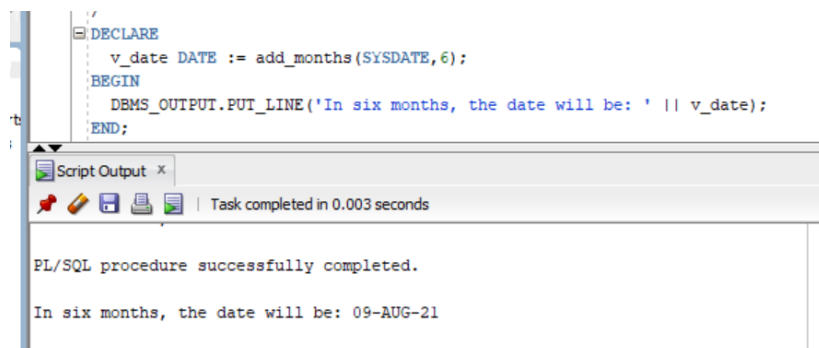
Script Output x

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\*Action:  
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.  
Hello World.

5. Create and execute a simple anonymous block that does the following:

Declares a variable of datatype DATE and populates it with the date that is six months from today. Outputs "In six months, the date will be: <insert date>."



```
DECLARE
  v_date DATE := add_months(SYSDATE,6);
BEGIN
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('In six months, the date will be: ' || v_date);
END;
```

Script Output x

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PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.  
In six months, the date will be: 09-AUG-21