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CORE 4 REFERENCE

variables

The computer can **store information** for you

A variable is a location where a computer can store information. Variables have two parts: the **identifier**, which is the name used to identify the variable, and the **value**, which is the information it stores.

```
name="Grace Hopper"  
print(name)
```

loops

The computer can do **repeated work** for you

A loop is a set of instructions that will be repeated more than once. They can happen indefinitely, or a set number of times

```
for i in range(3):  
    print("Hello")
```

conditionals

The computer can **make decisions** for you

Conditionals use data and true/false commands to make decisions for you. They are most often structured as if statements or if/else statements.

```
season="winter"  
if season=="summer":  
    print("Let's go swimming!")  
else:  
    print("It's too cold to swim")
```

functions

The computer can **bundle commands and refer back** to these bundles when you need them

A function is a set of commands that produces a specific action. Some languages have built in functions, such as **print()** in Python, and move in Scratch. Most languages will also let programmers write their own functions. Programmers use functions to create a process that can easily be used and reused in their code, rather than writing out the process every time.

```
def birthday(name):  
    bday_msg="Happy birthday "+name+"!"  
    print(bday_msg)  
  
birthday("Reshma")
```