```
return 0;
}
```

Notice that main contains a variable named n even though is\_prime's parameter is also named n. In general, a function may declare a variable with the same name as a variable in another function. The two variables represent different locations in memory, so assigning a new value to one variable doesn't change the other. (This property extends to parameters as well.) Section 10.1 discusses this point in more detail.

As is\_prime demonstrates, a function may have more than one return statement. However, we can execute just one of these statements during a given call of the function, because reaching a return statement causes the function to return to where it was called. We'll learn more about the return statement in Section 9.4.

## 9.2 Function Declarations

In the programs in Section 9.1, the definition of each function was always placed above the point at which it was called. In fact, C doesn't require that the definition of a function precede its calls. Suppose that we rearrange the average.c program by putting the definition of average after the definition of main:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
   double x, y, z;

   printf("Enter three numbers: ");
   scanf("%lf%lf%lf", &x, &y, &z);
   printf("Average of %g and %g: %g\n", x, y, average(x, y));
   printf("Average of %g and %g: %g\n", y, z, average(y, z));
   printf("Average of %g and %g: %g\n", x, z, average(x, z));
   return 0;
}

double average(double a, double b)
{
   return (a + b) / 2;
}
```

When the compiler encounters the first call of average in main, it has no information about average: it doesn't know how many parameters average has, what the types of these parameters are, or what kind of value average returns. Instead of producing an error message, though, the compiler assumes that average returns an int value (recall from Section 9.1 that the return type of a