

1. Hoisting

Hoisting is JavaScript's default behavior of **moving declarations to the top** of the current scope (either global or function scope) **during the compilation phase**, before code execution.

This means:

- **Variable declarations** (var, let, const) and
- **Function declarations**

...are **processed before any code is executed**.



Example with var:

```
console.log(a); // undefined
```

```
var a = 10;
```

Why?

This is interpreted like:

```
var a;
```

```
console.log(a); // undefined
```

```
a = 10;
```

- Only the **declaration** is hoisted (var a;), not the assignment.



Function hoisting:

```
greet(); // "Hello!"
```

```
function greet() {  
  console.log("Hello!");  
}
```

- Entire function declarations are hoisted **with their body**, so calling it before the declaration works.



But Not with let and const:

```
console.log(b); //  ReferenceError
```

```
let b = 20;
```

Here comes the concept of the...

2. Temporal Dead Zone (TDZ)

The Temporal Dead Zone is the time between the **hoisting of a variable (with let or const)** and its **actual declaration/initialization** in the code, during which the variable **cannot be accessed**.

Even though let and const are hoisted, they are **not initialized**. Accessing them before the declaration results in a ReferenceError.

Example:

```
console.log(x); // ❌ ReferenceError
```

```
let x = 5;
```

- x is hoisted but remains **uninitialized** in the TDZ until let x = 5; is reached.

After initialization:

```
let y = 10;
```

```
console.log(y); // 10
```

Key Takeaways

- **Hoisting** moves declarations to the top, but **only var and functions** are initialized early.
- **let and const** are hoisted but trapped in the **temporal dead zone** until their line is reached.
- Avoid using variables before declaring them — even if they're technically hoisted.