Keywords

Keywords are special words which are reserved to be used only for special pre-defined functions. They already have some pre-defined meaning so we cannot configure them. They cannot be declared as variables and holds special meaning to the compiler.

Some popular examples of keywords are int, for, if, else, do, while, switch, case, double, float, long, short, byte, char, string, vector etc.

To have better understanding of keywords, let us look at few implementations of keywords in a sample program.

For e.g. (in C++)

In this above program, *main*, *int*, *cin*, *cout*, *include* are the keywords. They have specific purposes to perform which you can't define. You will learn more about the functionalities of these keywords later