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Purpose of the return Statement in Python Functions:

The return statement in Python functions is used to:

Send back a value to the caller.

End the execution of the function.

Allow functions to be reusable by returning results.

Example of return Statement:

```
def add(a, b):
```

```
    return a + b # Returns the sum
```

```
result = add(5, 3)
```

```
print(result)
```

OUTPUT: 8

What Happens If a Function Does Not Have a return Statement?

If a function does not have a return statement, it implicitly returns None.

GLOBAL VARIABLE	LOCAL VARIABLE
Available throughout the program	Only available inside the function where it is defined
Outside any function	Inside a function

Exists until the program ends	Exists only during function execution
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What is a Recursive Function?

A recursive function is a function that calls itself to solve a problem.

Example: Factorial Using Recursion

```
def factorial(n):
```

```
    if n == 1:
```

```
        return 1
```

```
    return n * factorial(n - 1) # Function calls itself
```

```
print(factorial(5)) # Output: 120
```

Key Features of Recursion:

Base Case: Stops recursion (if `n == 1`).

Recursive Case: Calls itself (`factorial(n - 1)`).

What is a Lambda Function in Python?

A lambda function is an anonymous (nameless) function in Python defined using lambda keyword. It is typically used for short, simple operations.

```
square = lambda x: x * x print(square(5))
```