

Function declarations vs expressions

Let's explore **Function Declarations vs Function Expressions** in JavaScript — two fundamental ways to define functions.

◆ 1. Function Declaration

✓ Syntax:

```
function functionName(parameters) {  
  // function body  
}
```

✓ Example:

```
function greet(name) {  
  return `Hello, ${name}!`;  
}
```

```
console.log(greet("Abhi")); // Output: Hello, Abhi!
```

✓ Characteristics:

- **Named function:** Has a defined name.
- **Hoisted:** Can be called **before** the function definition in the code (thanks to hoisting).
- Available in the **entire scope** where it's defined.

🧠 Hoisting Example:

```
sayHi(); // ✅ Works fine
```

```
function sayHi() {  
  console.log("Hi!");  
}
```

◆ 2. Function Expression

✅ Syntax:

```
const functionName = function(parameters) {  
  // function body  
};
```

✅ Example:

```
const greet = function(name) {  
  return `Hello, ${name}!`;  
};  
  
console.log(greet("Abhi")); // Output: Hello, Abhi!
```

✅ Characteristics:

- Can be **anonymous** (without a name).
- Can also be **named expressions**, but the name is only accessible inside the function itself.
- **Not hoisted**: Cannot be called before its definition.
- Commonly used for **inline functions**, **callbacks**, and **closures**.

❌ Hoisting Example:

```
sayHi(); // ❌ ReferenceError: Cannot access 'sayHi' before initialization
```

```
const sayHi = function() {  
  console.log("Hi!");  
};
```

vs Summary: Function Declaration vs Expression

Feature	Function Declaration	Function Expression
Syntax	<code>function name() {}</code>	<code>const name = function() {}</code>
Hoisted	✅ Yes	❌ No
Named	Always named	Can be named or anonymous
Called before define?	✅ Yes	❌ No
Common uses	General-purpose functions	Callbacks, closures, immediate invocation

👉 Bonus: Use in Callbacks

```
setTimeout(function() {  
  console.log("This is a function expression!");  
, 1000);
```

✅ When to Use

Use Case	Recommended Style
Reusable utility/helper function	Function Declaration
Inline or anonymous logic	Function Expression
Closures or dynamic behavior	Function Expression

Would you like to follow up with **arrow functions** next?