

A newline character.

\$ scalar

@ array

% hash

& subroutine

* typeglob

Double quotes perform variable interpolation and backslash interpretation. Single quotes do not.

Back ticks capture the output from executing a command.

" " or 0, as appropriate.

As the expected type, depending on context.

interpolative context

list context

```
@threeprimes = (2, 3, 5);  
($a, $b, $c) = @threeprimes;
```

Either involves a scalar so use \$ not @.

```
$lst[n] = new_el  
print $lst[n]
```



```
@birthmonths = (  
  "John" => "February",  
  "Mary" => "March",  
);
```

Arrows are just a nicer way of writing more arrows.

```
$hash{ "key" }  
$hash{ "key" } = val
```

As with arrays, notice the use of `$` when dealing with individual elements.

Nouns can be singular (scalars) or plural (arrays and hashes).
Verbs can be procedures or functions.

```
perl -e 'some perl'  
perl file.pl
```

The `-w` option prints warnings.

A data type that can represent files, devices, sockets, and pipes.

`STDOUT` and `STDERR` are provided by default.

Use `open`, whose simplest form is:

```
open (HANDLENAME, "filename");
```

Readonly (default): "<filename"

Write (clobber): ">filename"

Write (append): ">>filename"

```
$str = <FILEHANDLE>
```

```
$str = <STDIN>
```



```
print FILEHANDLE 'str'
```

These two are the same:

```
print STDOUT 'str'
```

```
print 'str'
```

`chop` removes the last character of the string passed to it, and returns it.

`chomp` removes `endl` from the string passed to it, and returns the *number* of characters removed.

Use a period (.) for string concatenation.

Because of weak typing addition of scalars created as strings, but that can be interpreted as numbers, would result in a sum.