JavaScript – ES/JS, ES5, ES6, and ES7 features needed in React development and seen in many React examples.

The list of the ES features needed in React development. Some are even older than ES5 though…

See the Mozilla Developer Network for all of these!

- **let** - block scoped variable (Until ES6 we only had 'var' with only two possible scopes: function and global)
  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/let
- **const** - block scoped constant (the first immediate value needs to be given right away and will be constant, e.g. the object reference. But the _contents_ of that object and so on are not protected by const!).
  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/const
- **arrow functions** (shorter syntax, implicit return, reference 'this' auto-bound to outer scope)
  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Functions/Arrow_functions
- **.map** function https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Array/map
- **.forEach** function for many kind of collections
  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Array/forEach
  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Map/forEach
  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Set/forEach
- ES6 **class** syntax https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/class
- ES6 class **inheritance** syntax
  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Classes/extends
- **template literals** and **placeholders** (with backticks ` and ${ } to get rid of this kind of String concatenation clumsiness: "Hello"+name+"!")
  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template_literals
- **spread operator** (spread notation/spread syntax) to make a 'deeper copy' of an object, instead of the 'totally shallow copy'. Copying goes **one level deep** = the properties of the original and copy object are separate. (But those separate properties may contain references to same objects)
  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Spread_operator
- ES6 **export** and **import** from **module** to another (default or named)
  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/export
  - So after 2015 this version has been expanding in use:
    - in original.js **export default** someObj or **export** someObj;
    - in file using.js **import** myObj **from** './original';

      or **import** {someObj **as** myObj} **from** './original';
  - (It replaced the older the CommonJS way: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CommonJS)
    - (in original.js **module.exports** = someObject; // exposing someObject as/from module)

    - (in file using.js var copyOfSomeObject = **require(**'/original.js'**);** // getting an instance of it)

- extra **trailing comma(s)** allowed at the end of ES6(?) lists etc. e.g. [1,2,3**,**] {name:"Joe",yob:1986**,**} foo(2,3**,**); https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Trailing_commas

- **Property accessor** used so that its name is not hard-coded string, but comes from a variable: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Object_initializer Scroll down to "**Computed property names**".

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this.setState({[event.target.name]: event.target.value});
```

  compare to this: `this.setState({firstName: event.target.value});`

  if the event's target's name was string "firstName".

- OLD JS: function **parameter default values** https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Functions/Default_parameters

- OLD JS: **leaving arguments out is only allowed at the end of a function argument** list while calling a function

  That's why we need to write e.g. (_ , index) => <li key={index}>index where we are marking the skipped parameter with dummy name _ . That is counted as a parameter, but not needed/used. We need to write the _ as otherwise index would not be the second parameter like it needs to be. Similar use: (_ => whatever_code_here)

- OLD JS: **falsy values** and them in type-coerced comparisons with only two equals signs == https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Falsy https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Truthy https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Comparison_Operators#Equality_()

- **short notation object literals** of this kind: { a } which means same as { a : a}

  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Object_initializer#New_notations_in_ECMAScript_2015

  In React JSX {{a}} means first going to JS mode using the outer { } and then having that shortened {a} object literal inside

- **IIFE** = SIAF = SEAF https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/IIFE Learn the first example(s) here: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/IIFE#Examples

- **Difference between** JavaScript **Object literals** and **JSON**: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Object_initializer#Object_literal_notation_vs_JSON

- A **new way of defining methods** (Methods: object-attached functions, object's function members) https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Functions/Method_definitions#Description

- (A bit abstract and advanced) JavaScript **closures** https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Closures

- **async functions** with an implicit Promise and a possible **await** inside where e.g. AJAX call will be initiated, but then we start to wait for the answer at the await. The thread though is freed to do other stuff in the mean time: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/async_function
- ES6 **promises** (promise1.then(function2) ….) Easier to read handling of asynchronous function calls and their callbacks. https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Promise
- (Smaller curiosity) JavaScript doesn't allow **identifiers starting with number**. But what if you get the JSON text {"123":"Yeah"} and parse it as an JavaScript object?

  var a = JSON.parse('{**"123"**:"Yeah"}');

  console.log(a.123); // Error, unexpected number

  console.log(a."123"); // Error, unexpected String

  console.log(a["123"]); // ok, prints: Yeah

  console.log(a[123]); // ok, prints: Yeah

  https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Object_initializer#Accessing_properties

Not in the 2019-02-04 exam: (Some of these **just because** they were **not included yet, possibly will be in future exams**)

OUT OF SCOPE: The items below in this list:

- OUT OF SCOPE:

Most likely **not in future exams either** even if useful

- OUT OF SCOPE l: Intl API.

Going to the other exams:

- Ready-made React UI Components, like the react-table package.
- npm/yarn/create-react-app: After installing package check where everything went. (Related to npm/yarn/React, not just JS)