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What is the result of the following operations?

```
console.log(1 + "2" + 3); // "123"
```

```
console.log("5" - 2);
```

```
console.log("10" * "2");
```

```
console.log(false == 0);
```

```
console.log(false === 0);
```

```
console.log("123" == 123);
```

```
console.log(null == undefined);
```

```
console.log(null === undefined);
```

```
console.log([] + {});
```

```
console.log({} + []);
```

What's happening here?

$1 + "2" + 3 \rightarrow "123"$

Numbers get converted to strings in a + operation with a string.

$"5" - 2 \rightarrow 3$

String "5" is converted to number 5, then $5 - 2 = 3$.

$"10" * "2" \rightarrow 20$

Both strings convert to numbers, $10 * 2 = 20$.

$false == 0 \rightarrow true$

false becomes 0, so $0 == 0$ is true.

$false === 0 \rightarrow false$

Strict equality checks type as well; `boolean ≠ number`.

`"123" == 123 → true`

String `"123"` becomes number 123.

`null == undefined → true`

`null` and `undefined` are loosely equal.

`null === undefined → false`

Strict equality fails since types differ.

`[] + {} → "[object Object]"`

An empty array `[]` converts to `""`, and `{}` converts to `"[object Object]"`. The result is their concatenation.

`{}` + `[]` → 0 or `"[object Object]"` depends on environment type and JavaScript engine.

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3 console.log("10" * "2");	20
4 console.log(false == 0);	true
5 console.log(false === 0);	false
6 console.log("123" == 123);	true
7 console.log(null == undefined);	true
8 console.log(null === undefined);	false
9 console.log([] + {});	[object Object]
10 console.log({} + []);	[object Object]



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