

Activity 4: Identify the Concept

Task 1

Instructions:

1. Look at the following two Python code snippets:

Snippet 1:

```
class Dog:
    def speak(self):
        return "Woof!"

class Cat:
    def speak(self):
        return "Meow!"

animals = [Dog(), Cat()]

for animal in animals:
    print(animal.speak())
```

Snippet 2:

```
def add(a, b, c=0):
    return a + b + c

print(add(2, 3))      # Output?
print(add(2, 3, 4))  # Output?
```

2. What do you observe in both snippets?

ANSWER:

Snippet 1 demonstrates method overriding (polymorphism).

Snippet 2 illustrates function argument handling and the absence of function overloading in

Python.

3. How does Python handle different implementations of the `speak()` method in Snippet 1?

ANSWER:

Python allows different classes to have methods with the same name but different implementations.

4. How does Python handle the `add()` function when given different numbers of arguments in Snippet 2?

ANSWER:

If `add()` is called with missing arguments, Python throws a `TypeError`.

To fix this, we can provide a default value for `c`, e.g., `def add(a, b, c=0):`.

Task 2

Instructions:

Analyze the following code and predict the output before running it.

```
class Bird:
    def fly(self):
        return "Some birds can fly."

class Sparrow(Bird):
    def fly(self):
        return "Sparrow flies fast."

class Penguin(Bird):
    def fly(self):
        return "Penguins cannot fly."

birds = [Bird(), Sparrow(), Penguin()]

for bird in birds:
    print(bird.fly())
```

1. What do you think the output will be?

ANSWER:

Some bird can fly.

Sparrow flies fast.

Penguins cannot fly.

2. Why do different objects return different results for the same method (fly())?

ANSWER:

The reason different objects return different results for the same method, like fly(), is due to in object-oriented programming.