

A Visual Guide to References in JavaScript

↳ Reassigning a function parameter will only affect the local variable, not the original one that was passed in.

Primitive types in JS:

- string, number, boolean, symbol, undefined, and null
- they are immutable (a.k.a. read-only).

→ When a variable holds one of these primitive types, you can't modify the value itself — only reassign that variable to a new value.

objects, arrays, functions, and other data structures (e.g. map and set):

↳ they are all objects and mutable.

```
document.addEventListener('click', () => console.log('clicked'));  
// removeEventListener(      "      )
```

↳ This ~~code~~ will never remove the event listener because those two arrow functions aren't referentially equal. They aren't the same function.

↳ Every time you write an arrow function or a regular one, that creates a new object.

↳ Fix:

```
const onClick = () => console.log('clicked');  
document.addEventListener('click', onClick);
```

```
const newArray = [...array].sort();  
let copy = { ...book }
```

// removeEventListener(")

↳ we can use the spread operator to make object ~~copy~~ array ~~copy~~ copies.