

Trail: Learning the Java Language

Lesson: Language Basics

The Java™ Tutorials

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See [Java Language Changes](#) for a summary of updated language features in Java SE 9 and subsequent releases.

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Java Language Keywords

Here is a list of keywords in the Java programming language. You cannot use any of the following as identifiers in your programs. The keywords `const` and `goto` are reserved, even though they are not currently used. `true`, `false`, and `null` might seem like keywords, but they are actually literals; you cannot use them as identifiers in your programs.

<code>abstract</code>	<code>continue</code>	<code>for</code>	<code>new</code>	<code>switch</code>
<code>assert</code> ^{***}	<code>default</code>	<code>goto</code> [*]	<code>package</code>	<code>synchronized</code>
<code>boolean</code>	<code>do</code>	<code>if</code>	<code>private</code>	<code>this</code>
<code>break</code>	<code>double</code>	<code>implements</code>	<code>protected</code>	<code>throw</code>
<code>byte</code>	<code>else</code>	<code>import</code>	<code>public</code>	<code>throws</code>
<code>case</code>	<code>enum</code> ^{****}	<code>instanceof</code>	<code>return</code>	<code>transient</code>
<code>catch</code>	<code>extends</code>	<code>int</code>	<code>short</code>	<code>try</code>
<code>char</code>	<code>final</code>	<code>interface</code>	<code>static</code>	<code>void</code>
<code>class</code>	<code>finally</code>	<code>long</code>	<code>strictfp</code> ^{**}	<code>volatile</code>
<code>const</code> [*]	<code>float</code>	<code>native</code>	<code>super</code>	<code>while</code>

^{*} not used

^{**} added in 1.2

^{***} added in 1.4

^{****} added in 5.0

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