1. JSON stands for JavaScript Object Notation[1][5].
2. JSON is used for:
    - Storing and transporting data[1]
    - Data interchange between computers[1]
    - APIs and config files[2]
    - Web and mobile application development[7]
3. Key characteristics of JSON:
    - Text-based, human-readable format[1][2]
    - Language-independent[1][5]
    - Represents data as key-value pairs and arrays[3]
    - Supports basic data types like strings, numbers, booleans, arrays, and objects[2]
4. Differences between JSON and BSON:
    - Format: JSON is text-based, while BSON is binary-encoded[2][4][6]
    - Readability: JSON is human-readable, BSON is not[6]
    - Data types: BSON supports additional types like dates and binary data[2][4][6]
    - Performance: BSON is more efficient for storage and processing, especially in databases[2][4]
    - Use cases: JSON is ideal for data interchange and readability, BSON for efficient database storage and retrieval[2][6]
    - Support: JSON is widely supported across platforms, while BSON is primarily used by MongoDB

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation):

- **What it's used for:**
    - JSON is primarily used for transmitting data between a server and a web application (or any application).
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    - It's also used for storing configuration data.
    - Essentially, it's a lightweight data-interchange format that's easy for humans to read and write, and easy for machines to parse and generate.
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- **What it stands for:**
    - JavaScript Object Notation.
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- **Key Characteristics:**
    - Text-based: JSON is plain text, making it highly portable.
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    - Human-readable: Its syntax is simple and resembles JavaScript object literals.

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    - Language-independent: Although it originated from JavaScript, it's supported by almost all programming languages.
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    - Structure: Data is represented as key-value pairs, arrays, and nested objects.

BSON (Binary JSON):

- **What it's used for:**
    - BSON is designed to be a binary-encoded serialization of JSON-like documents.
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    - It's primarily used within MongoDB for data storage and network transfer.
- **What it stands for:**
    - Binary JSON.
- **Key Characteristics:**
    - Binary format: BSON is not human-readable; it's a binary representation of data.
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    - Efficiency: BSON is designed for speed and space efficiency, especially for large documents.
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    - Extended data types: BSON supports more data types than JSON, such as dates, timestamps, and binary data.
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    - Traversal speed: BSON is designed to be quickly traversed.
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Differences between JSON and BSON:

- **Format:**
    - JSON is text-based.
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    - BSON is binary-based.
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- **Readability:**
    - JSON is human-readable.
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    - BSON is not.
- **Data Types:**
    - BSON supports a wider range of data types than JSON.
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- **Size and Speed:**
    - BSON is generally more space-efficient and faster for parsing and serialization, especially for large documents.
    - JSON is less efficient in size and speed.
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- **Use Cases:**
    - JSON is used for general data exchange between applications.
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    - BSON is used primarily within MongoDB for internal data representation.

In short, JSON is for general-purpose, human-readable data exchange, while BSON is for efficient, binary data storage and transfer within MongoDB.