-have to call a function by name to instruct the program to take a certain action

-example: functionName()

-enter the name of the function, followed by a set of parentheses

-python has a number of “built-in” functions that are used throughout the lesson

-if using input for numerical values in equations it should be int(input(print”….))

-converting text from input() into numerical data is called casting

-casting allows us to take one kind of data and turn it into another