Understanding addEventListener(): Where and How?

The addEventListener() method is **one of the most important** functions in JavaScript events. It allows you to attach event listeners to elements dynamically without overwriting existing event handlers.

★ Where Should We Explain addEventListener()?

✓ Option 1: In DOM Manipulation Section

- Why? Because it is used to attach event listeners to dynamically created elements.
- **Example:** When adding a button dynamically using createElement(), we need addEventListener() to make it interactive.

✓ Option 2: In JavaScript Events Section < (Best Place)</p>

- Why? Because it is the best practice for handling JavaScript events.
- **Example:** Instead of using onclick="myFunction()" in HTML, we use addEventListener() in JavaScript.

Since addEventListener() is directly related to event handling, we should explain it in the JavaScript Events section.

★ What Does addEventListener() Do?

- It attaches an event (like click, mouseover, etc.) to an element.
- It allows multiple event listeners on the same element.
- It does not overwrite existing event handlers.
- It supports event delegation and advanced event propagation.

How to Use addEventListener() ?



```
element.addEventListener(event, function, useCapture);
```

- event → The event type (click, mouseover, keydown, etc.).
- function → The function to execute when the event occurs.
- useCapture (optional) → Boolean (default false). Used for event propagation (bubbling or capturing).

2. addEventListener() vs Inline Event Handling (onclick)

Sad Practice: Using Inline Event in HTML

```
<button onclick="showMessage()">Click Me</button>
<script>
    function showMessage() {
        alert("Button Clicked!");
    }
</script>
```

X Problem:

- Not reusable.
- Can't attach multiple event listeners.

▼ Best Practice: Using addEventListener()

```
<button id="myButton">Click Me</button>
<script>
    document.getElementById("myButton").addEventListener("click", function()
{
        alert("Button Clicked with addEventListener!");
    });
</script>
```

✓ Advantages:

Separation of HTML & JavaScript (cleaner code).

- Can add multiple event listeners.
- Works with dynamically created elements.

★ 3. addEventListener() in Real-World Projects

X Real-World Project Example:

• Dark Mode Toggle in a Website

HTML + JavaScript Example:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title>Dark Mode Toggle</title>
    <style>
        body.dark-mode {
            background-color: black;
            color: white:
        }
    </style>
</head>
<body>
    <button id="darkModeToggle">Toggle Dark Mode</button>
    <script>
        document.getElementById("darkModeToggle").addEventListener("click",
function() {
            document.body.classList.toggle("dark-mode");
        });
    </script>
</body>
</html>
```

✓ Why Use addEventListener()?

- We can **attach multiple events** if needed.
- · Works on multiple elements dynamically.

4. Adding Multiple Event Listeners

Example: Logging Button Clicks and Changing Text

```
<button id="multiEventBtn">Click Me</button>
<script>
  let button = document.getElementById("multiEventBtn");

// First event: Log click
button.addEventListener("click", function() {
    console.log("Button clicked!");
});

// Second event: Change text
button.addEventListener("click", function() {
    button.innerText = "Clicked!";
});
</script>
```

✓ Why Use addEventListener()?

• Unlike onclick, this method allows multiple event listeners.

★ 5. Removing Event Listeners (removeEventListener)

To **remove an event listener**, you need to store the function in a variable.

```
<button id="removeEventBtn">Click Me</button>
<script>
    let button = document.getElementById("removeEventBtn");

function sayHello() {
    alert("Hello!");
}

// Attach event
button.addEventListener("click", sayHello);

// Remove event after 5 seconds
setTimeout(() => {
    button.removeEventListener("click", sayHello);
```

```
}, 5000);
</script>
```

- ✓ Why Use removeEventListener()?
 - Prevents memory leaks in large applications.
 - Stops unwanted behavior after a certain condition.

© Conclusion

Now you fully understand **why addEventListener() is important** and how to use it effectively!

Key Takeaways:

- ✓ Use addEventListener() instead of onclick for flexibility.
- ✓ Attach multiple events to the same element.
- ✓ Works with dynamically created elements.
- ✓ Can be removed with removeEventListener() when necessary.