

Java Fundamentals

3-10: Loops, Variables, and Arrays

Practice Activities

Lesson Objectives:

- Create a while loop in a constructor to build a world
- Describe an infinite loop and how to prevent one from occurring
- Use an array to store multiple variables used to create a world
- Create an expression using logic operators
- Describe the scope of a local variable in a method
- Use string variables to store and concatenate strings

Vocabulary:

Identify the vocabulary word for each definition below.

	A type of item stored in an array, such as a string or integer, accessed using an index.
	A statement that can execute a section of code multiple times.
	Symbols that can be used to combine multiple boolean expressions into one boolean expression.
	A position number in the array object that specifies which array element to access.
	An object that holds multiple variables. An index can be used to access the variables.
	A variable declared inside the body of the method to temporarily store values, such as references to objects or integers.
	A loop that causes the code to keep executing. The code does not stop because the end to the code isn't established.

Try It/Solve It:

1. True or false: A loop is a statement that can execute a section of code once. It is an efficient way to pass information to a single instance.
2. Which of the following is not a required component of a while loop?
 - Java keyword while
 - Condition
 - One or more statements
 - Instance

3. In the following example while loop, describe what the loop body executes:

```
int i = 0;

while (i < 10,000)

{

    addObject (new Bee (), 110, 130);

    i = i + 1;

}
```

4. In the following example loop, describe why it is an infinite loop:

```
int i = 0;

while (i < 10,000)

{

    addObject (new Bee (), 180, 120);

}
```

5. How do you resolve an infinite loop?
6. True or false: Logic operators are used to connect one or more boolean expressions.
7. In the following example code, identify the logic operators by circling them, and define how they are used:

```
public void act()

{

    if (!isDown && Greenfoot.isKeyDown ("x")) {

        setImage ("dog.png");

        isDown = true;

    }

    if (isDown && !Greenfoot.isKeyDown("y")){

        setImage ("dog2.png");

        isDown = false;

    }

}
```

8. Write the statement that accesses the "a" key in the following array:

```
private String[] keyboardNames = {"a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f", "g", "h"};
```

9. What is the local variable below initialized to?

```
int i = 5;
```

Note: The rest of the questions refer to the Barrel project.

10. Create a field variable in **Plane** called `isGoingFast` that will store a Boolean value.
11. Modify the `handleMovement()` method so that the `isGoingFast` variable is set to true when the up arrow is clicked and set to false if it isn't.
12. Add code to the `handleMovement()` method so that if the up arrow is pressed the image changes to `airplaneFaster.png`.
13. Modify the `animate()` method so that it will not animate if `isGoingFast` is true;
14. Modify the **BarrelWorld** constructor so that you will use a loop to add 3 Rockets to the world.
15. Modify the **BarrelWorld** constructor so that you will use a loop to add 3 Barrels to the world.
16. Optional Question – think of ways to expand your program with additional features. These may include:
 - Clouds that float around covering the plane, barrel and rockets if both occupy the same location.
 - Rockets that change direction
 - Rockets that come from different sides
 - Animate the barrel sinking and floating
 - Add sound effects to the barrel sinking and floating
 - Any of your own ideas