

Abstract Class and Abstract Method: Rules:

- 1) A method without body (no implementation) is known as abstract method.

Example

Class Vehicle

```
{  
    Int no_of_tyres;  
    abstract void start();  
}
```

- 2) A abstract method must always be declared in an abstract class

Example

abstract class Vehicle

```
{  
    Int no_of_tyres;  
    abstract void start();  
}
```

- 3) If a regular class extends an abstract class , then the class must be have to implement all the abstract method of abstract parent class or it has to be declared abstract as well.

Class Car extends Vehicle

```
{  
  
    void start();  
    {  
        System.out.println (" Start with key");  
    }  
}
```

- 4) Abstract methods in an abstract class are meant to overridden in concrete classes otherwise compile time error will be thrown.

Class Scooter extends Vehicle

```
{  
    void start();  
    {  
        System.out.println (" Start with kick");  
    }  
}
```

- 5) Abstract classes cannot be instantiated means we can't create an object of abstract class.

```
abstract class Vehicle {
    int no_of_tyres;

    abstract void start();
}

class Car extends Vehicle {
    void start() {
        System.out.println(" Start with key");
    }
}

class Scooter extends Vehicle {
    void start() {
        System.out.println("Start with kick");
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    Car c = new Car();
    c.start();
    Scooter s = new Scooter();
    s.start();
}
```

- 6) Let us make a program where the abstract class "MyClass" have one abstract method which has got various implementations in sub-classes

```
abstract class MyClass {
    abstract void calculate(double x);
}
class sub1 extends MyClass{
    void calculate(double x){
        System.out.println("Sqaure : "+(x*x));
    }
}
class sub2 extends MyClass{
    void calculate(double x){
        System.out.println("Sqaure root : "+Math.sqrt(x));
    }
}
class sub3 extends MyClass{
    void calculate(double x){
        System.out.println("Cube : "+(x*x*x));
    }
}
public class app6{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        sub1 s1 = new sub1();
        sub2 s2 = new sub2();
        sub3 s3 = new sub3();
        s1.calculate(12);
        s2.calculate(144);
        s3.calculate(4);
    }
}
```

Abstract method using Reference variable

Class CAR

```
abstract class car{
    int regno;
    car(int r){
        regno=r;
    }
    void open_tank(){
        System.out.println("Fill the tank");
    }
    abstract void steering(int direction, int angle);
    abstract void braking(int force);
}
```

Compilation : javac car.java

Class Maruti:

```
public class maruti extends car {  
    maruti(int regno){  
        super(regno);  
    }  
    void steering(int direction, int angle){  
        System.out.println("Take a turn");  
        System.out.println("This car uses ordinary  
steering");  
    }  
    void braking(int force){  
        System.out.println("Braking applied");  
        System.out.println("This car uses hydraulic  
brakes");  
    }  
}
```

Compilation : javac Maruti.java

Class santro:

```
public class santro extends car {  
    santro(int regno){  
        super(regno);  
    }  
    void steering(int direction, int angle){  
        System.out.println("Take a turn");  
        System.out.println("This car uses power  
steering");  
    }  
    void braking(int force){  
        System.out.println("Braking applied");  
        System.out.println("This car uses gas brakes");  
    }  
}
```

Compilation : javac santro.java

The main class use car:

//taking reference of maruti

```
public class use_car {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        maruti m= new maruti(2020);  
        santro s= new santro(3020);  
        car ref;  
        ref=m;  
        ref.open_tank();  
        ref.steering(1,50);  
        ref.braking(500);  
  
    }  
}
```

Output :

Fill the tank

Take a turn

This car uses ordinary steering

Braking applied

This car uses hydraulic brakes

```
//taking reference of santro

public class use_car {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        maruti m= new maruti(2020);
        santro s= new santro(3020);
        car ref;
        ref=s;
        ref.open_tank();
        ref.steering(1,50);
        ref.braking(500);

    }
}
```

Output :

Fill the tank

Take a turn

This car uses power steering

Braking applied

This car uses gas brakes

Key points on abstract class & methods

- An abstract class is a class that contains zero or more abstract methods
- An abstract class can contain instance variable and concrete methods in addition to abstract method.
- An abstract class and abstract method should be declared by using the keyword “abstract”
- All abstract method of the abstract class should be implemented (body) in its sub-classes
- If any abstract method is not implemented, then that sub-class should be declared as abstract. In this case, we cannot create an object to the sub-class. We should create another sub-class to this sub-class and implement the remaining abstract method there.
- We cannot create an object to abstract class
- But we can create a reference of abstract class type
- The reference of abstract class can be used to refer to object(s) of its subclasses.
- The reference of abstract class cannot refer to individual methods of its sub-classes
- We cannot declare a class as both abstract and final

For example :

- Abstract final class app