

JavaScript/TypeScript Array Comparison – Key Concept

■ Why `array1 === array2` is ALWAYS false (most of the time)

In JavaScript and TypeScript, arrays are compared by ****reference****, not by value.

Example:

```
```ts
const even = [2,4,6,8];
const even1 = [2,4,6,8];

console.log(even === even1); // false
```
```

```

Even though both arrays contain the same values, they are stored in **\*\*different memory locations\*\***.

So the comparison checks:

- Is even stored in the same memory as even1?
- ■ No → So result is **\*\*false\*\***.

### ## ■ Correct Ways To Compare Arrays

#### ### 1. Using JSON.stringify()

```
```ts
JSON.stringify(even) === JSON.stringify(even1)
```
```

```

This converts arrays to strings and compares their values.

2. Using `toString()`

```
```ts
even.toString() === even1.toString()
```

```

Works for simple numeric/string arrays.

■ Summary

- `==` compares **references**, not values.
- Two arrays with the same values will still return **false** using `==`.
- Use `JSON.stringify()` or `toString()` to compare values correctly.