

and closes with End Function. Here is an example:

```
Function GetFullName()  
End Function
```

The name of the function follows the same rules and suggestions we have reviewed for the sub procedures. Because a function should return a value, after the parentheses, you can type the As keyword followed by the type of data the function must return. Here is an example:

When we studied variables, we saw that, instead of using the As DataType expression, you could use a particular character. This theory also applies to functions. To use it, on the right side of the name of the function, type the special character that represents the data type, followed by the parentheses of the function, and then omit the the As DataType expression. An example would be GetFullname\$(). As with the variables, you must use the appropriate character for the function:

Here is an example:

```
Function GetFullName$()  
End Function
```

The implementation of a function is done the same way as that of a sub procedure. Because a function is supposed to return a value, after performing whatever assignment you need in a function, you can assign the desired result to the name of the function before the closing of the function. Here is an example:

```
Function GetFullName() As String  
Dim strFirstName, strLastName As String
```