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LEVEL 2

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A PACKAGE DEAL

Guess what? Congratulations! You've already made a basic closure!

```
function buildTicket ( allRides, passRides, pick ) {  
  if(passRides[0] == pick){  
    var pass = fastAvail.shift();  
    return function ( ) { alert("Quick! You've got a Fast Pass to " + pass + "!");  
    };  
  } else {  
    for(var i = 0; i<allRides.length; i++){  
      if(allRides[i][0] == pick){  
        return function ( ) { alert("A ticket is printing for " + pick + "!\n" +  
          "Your wait time is about " + allRides[i][1] + " minutes.");  
        };  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

The entire contents of one of these inner functions will still be available OUTSIDE the outermost function.

Returning a function from a function, complete with variables from an external scope, is called a closure.

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A closure wraps up an entire environment, binding necessary variables from other scopes.

```
function testClosure ( ) {  
    var x = 4; ← Local Variable only!  
    return x;  
}
```

```
testClosure();
```

→ 4

```
x;
```

→ undefined

A function's local variables aren't available once the function's scope is closed!

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The inner function can access the outer function's variables, because they "feel" like global variables.

```
function testClosure () {  
    var x = 4;  
    function closeX () {  
        return x;  
    }  
    return closeX;  
}
```

Notice **x** does not need to be "stored" anywhere in **closeX**, not even as a parameter!

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    var x = 4;  
    function closeX ( ) {  
        return x;  
    }  
    return closeX;  
}
```

```
var checkLocalX = testClosure();
```

```
checkLocalX();
```

→ 4

Even though **testClosure** has finished operating, its local variable is now bound within **checkLocalX**.

CLOSURES HELP IN FUNCTION “CONSTRUCTION ZONES”

A closure can make the creation of very similar functions ultra-efficient.



```
function buildCoveTicketMaker( transport ) {  
    return function ( name ) {  
        alert("Here is your transportation ticket via the " + transport + ".\n" +  
            "Welcome to the Cold Closures Cove, " + name + "!");  
    }  
}
```

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```

```
var getSubmarineTicket = buildCoveTicketMaker("Submarine");
```

```
var getBattleshipTicket = buildCoveTicketMaker("Battleship");
```

```
var getGiantSeagullTicket = buildCoveTicketMaker("Giant Seagull");
```



We give
`buildCoveTicketMaker`
the mode of
transportation, which
is closed into the
returned anonymous
function.

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```



```
getBattleshipTicket
```



```
getGiantSeagullTicket
```



BEWARE: BOUND VARIABLES WON'T BE EVIDENT IN THE STORED FUNCTION

Examining the contents of our new variables doesn't reveal closures.

```
getSubmarineTicket;
```

```
function ( name ) {  
    alert("Here is your transportation ticket via the " + transport + ".\n" +  
        "Welcome to the Cold Closures Cove, " + name + "!");  
}
```



Holds "Submarine"

```
getBattleshipTicket;
```

```
function ( name ) {  
    alert("Here is your transportation ticket via the " + transport + ".\n" +  
        "Welcome to the Cold Closures Cove, " + name + "!");  
}
```



Holds "Battleship"

```
getGiantSeagullTicket;
```

```
function ( name ) {  
    alert("Here is your transportation ticket via the " + transport + ".\n" +  
        "Welcome to the Cold Closures Cove, " + name + "!");  
}
```



Holds "Giant Seagull"

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}
```

```
getBattleshipTicket;
```

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function ( name ) {  
    alert("Here is your transportation ticket via the " + transport + ".\n" +  
        "Welcome to the Cold Closures Cove, " + name + "!");  
}
```

```
getGiantSeagullTicket;
```

```
function ( name ) {  
    alert("Here is your transportation ticket via the " + transport + ".\n" +  
        "Welcome to the Cold Closures Cove, " + name + "!");  
}
```



Until we call any of these functions with a parameter, the **name** variable is still undefined.

LET'S MAKE SOME TICKETS!

Passing a name to any of our ticket makers will complete our ticket-making process.

```
getSubmarineTicket;
```

```
function ( name ) {  
    alert("Here is your transportation ticket via the " + transport + ".\n" +  
        "Welcome to the Cold Closures Cove, " + name + "!");  
}
```

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function ( name ) {  
    alert("Here is your transportation ticket via the " + transport + ".\n" +  
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```
getSubmarineTicket("Mario");
```



```
getBattleshipTicket("Luigi");
```



```
getGiantSeagullTicket("Bowser");
```



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```
getSubmarineTicket("Mario");
```



The page at <https://www.codeschool.com> says:

Here is your transportation ticket via the Submarine.
Welcome to the Cold Closures Cove, Mario!

OK



```
getBattleshipTicket("Luigi");
```



The page at <https://www.codeschool.com> says:

Here is your transportation ticket via the Battleship.
Welcome to the Cold Closures Cove, Luigi!

OK



```
getGiantSeagullTicket("Bowser");
```

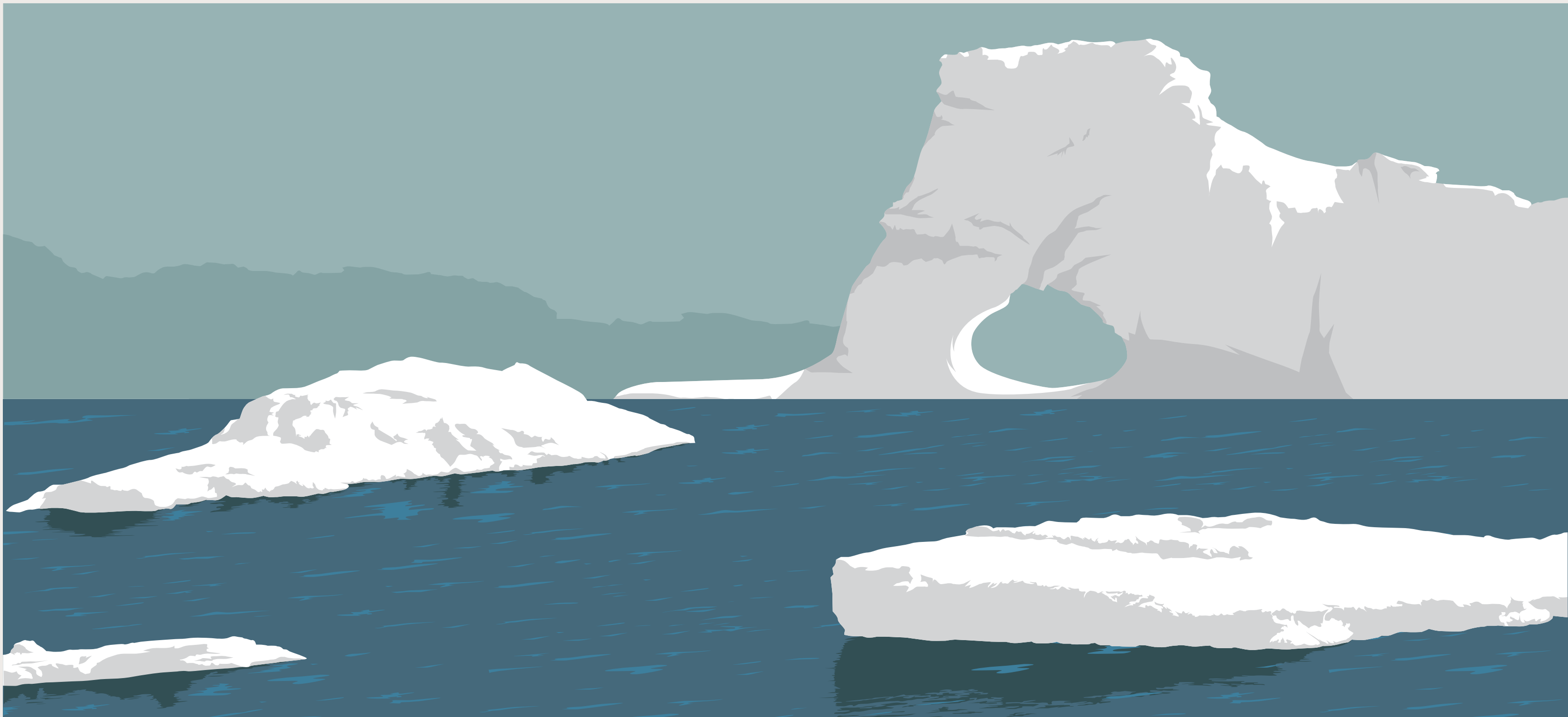


The page at <https://www.codeschool.com> says:

Here is your transportation ticket via the Giant Seagull.
Welcome to the Cold Closures Cove, Bowser!

OK





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