

Explain filter in JavaScript



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Here is **the simplest, beginner-friendly, crystal-clear explanation of filter in JavaScript**, exactly the way you like — slow, step-by-step, with examples.

★ What is filter in JavaScript?

`filter()` is an **array method**.

- 👉 It **loops through each element** of the array
- 👉 Checks a **condition** you give (true/false)
- 👉 **Creates a NEW array** only with elements where the condition is **true**
- 👉 It **does NOT change the original array**

★ Syntax

```
js  
  
array.filter(function(element, index, array) {  
    return condition;    // true / false  
});
```

Where:

- **element** → current item
- **index** → position (0,1,2...)
- **array** → the whole original array
- You **MUST** return **true** to keep the element
- Return **false** to remove it

★ Easy Example

Example: Keep only numbers greater than 10

```
js  
  
const arr = [5, 12, 8, 20];  
  
const result = arr.filter(num => num > 10);  
console.log(result);
```

Output:

```
csharp

[12, 20]
```

WHY?

- 5 → not >10 → ❌ removed
- 12 → >10 → ✔️ kept
- 8 → ❌ removed
- 20 → ✔️ kept

★ Example 2: Remove falsy values

```
js

const arr = ["hello", "", null, "react", undefined];

const cleaned = arr.filter(Boolean);
console.log(cleaned);
```

Output:

```
css

["hello", "react"]
```

WHY?

Because `Boolean()` converts:

- "" → false
- null → false
- undefined → false
- Only truthy values remain

★ Example 3: Filter objects

Suppose you want only **active users**:

```
js

const users = [
  { name: "Vipul", active: true },
  { name: "Rohan", active: false },
  { name: "Amit", active: true }
];
```

```
const activeUsers = users.filter(user => user.active);
console.log(activeUsers);
```

Output:

```
yaml

[
  { name: "Vipul", active: true },
  { name: "Amit", active: true }
]
```

★ Example 4: Keep even numbers

```
js

const arr = [1,2,3,4,5];

const evens = arr.filter(n => n % 2 === 0);
console.log(evens);
```

Output:

```
csharp

[2,4]
```

★ Key Points to Remember

Feature	Explanation
Creates new array	Original array not changed
Needs a return value	true → keep, false → remove
Does not mutate	Safe method
Runs callback for every item	Just like map

★ Visual Understanding

Think of `filter()` as a **sieve** (छलनी) 😊

You pour all items into it

It keeps only what you want

Removes the rest

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✓ Debugging tips

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