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Alright, let's reset and make this super simple, step by step. Don't worry—we'll get it clear!

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1. What is Stack Memory?

- **Purpose**: Used for temporary data (local variables, method calls).
- **Key Characteristics**:
  - Each **method call** gets its own block of stack memory.
  - **Local variables** inside a method are stored here (e.g., numbers, booleans).
  - It's **fast** and automatically cleared when the method ends.
  - It also holds **references** (addresses) to objects in the heap.

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2. What is Heap Memory?

- **Purpose**: Used for storing objects (things created with `` `new` ``) and shared data.
- **Key Characteristics**:
  - Stores **objects** (e.g., a `` `new String` ``, a `` `new ArrayList` ``).
  - Data in heap lives longer, even after the method ends (until garbage collector clears it).
  - Slower than stack because it's bigger and more flexible.

Key Differences

Aspect	Stack	Heap
Purpose	Temporary data (method calls, local variables).	Long-term object storage.
Stores	Local variables, method info, references to heap objects.	Objects created with `` `new` ``.
Access Speed	Fast	Slower
Lifespan	Ends when method ends.	Lasts until garbage collector removes it.

Correct Your Conclusions

1. **Heap stores global variables?**
   - Not exactly.
     - **Static variables** (like global variables) are stored in a special memory area (often considered part of the heap).
     - Heap mainly stores **objects created with `` `new` ``**, not static/global variables directly.
2. **Stack is temporary, heap is permanent?**
   - **Stack** is temporary (dies with method).
   - **Heap** is not permanent—it lasts only until the garbage collector removes unused objects.
3. **Stack stores local variables, heap stores objects?**
   - Correct!
     - **Stack**: Local variables, method calls, and references.
     - **Heap**: All objects (`` `new` `` stuff) and instance variables inside objects.
4. **Stack stores addresses of heap objects?**

- If you create an object, the **stack** holds its address, and the **heap** holds the object itself.

5. **Heap stores all object memories?**
   - Correct!
     - All objects created using `` `new` `` are in the **heap**.

Example for Clarity

```java


class Example {
    static int globalVar = 100;  // Stored in class memory
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int localVar = 10;          // Stored in stack
        String str = new String("Hello");  // "Hello" is in heap, reference in stack
    }
}
```

Does that feel clearer now? Let me know where you're stuck!

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