AN INTRODUCTION TO

STACK BASED LANGUAGES

USING THE FACTOR PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

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- Programs = Literals + Words

- Literals = Values

```
"Strings"
123.45
objects
{ 1 2 3 }
```

- Words are named blocks of code

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- Words = Functions
- Operate on a Data Stack
- Words have “Stack Effects”
- Stack Effects = Function Signatures

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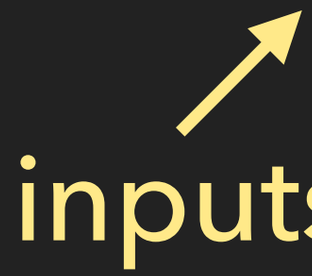

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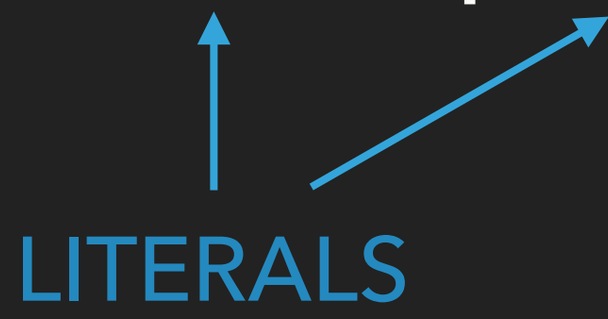

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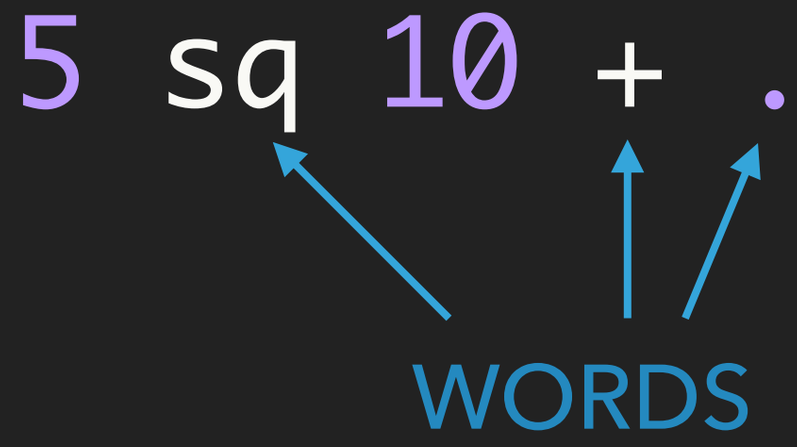

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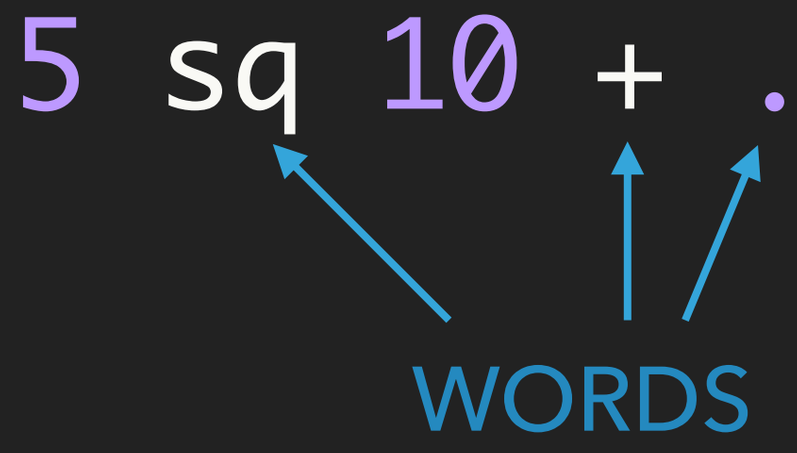

All Valid Word Names

*	even?	<person>	>>>
✓	✓	✓	✓

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DATA STACK 

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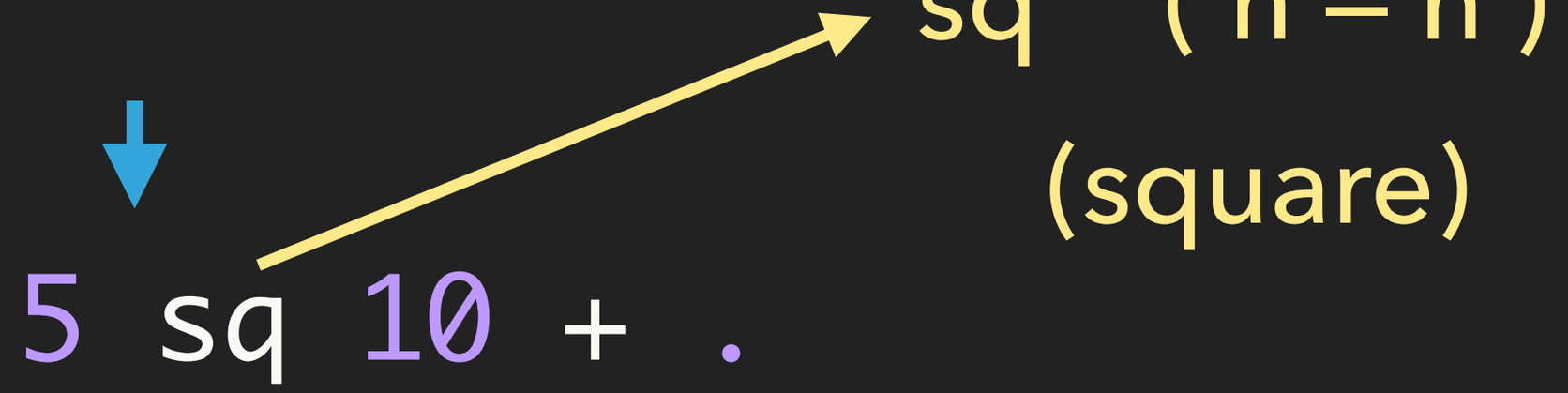

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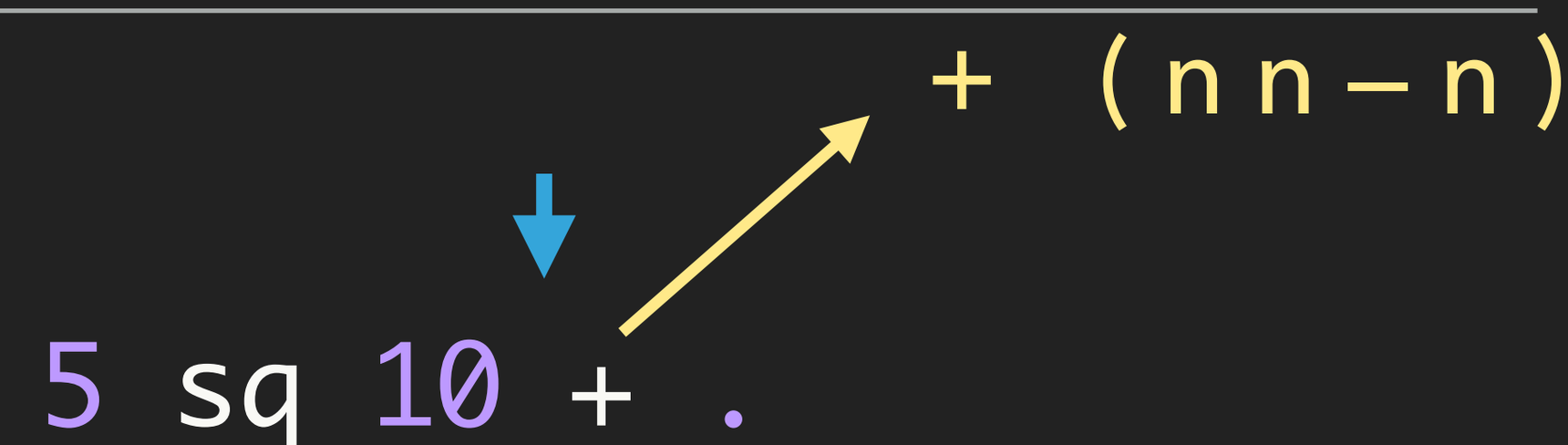

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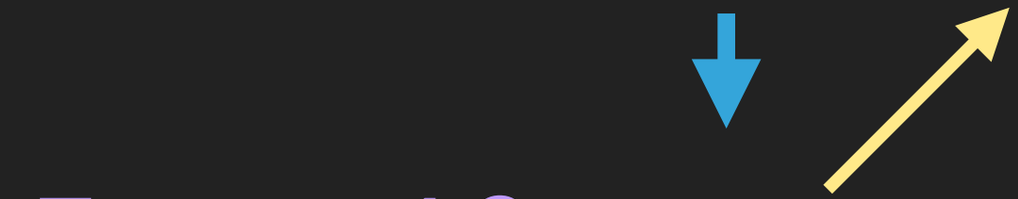
. (obj –)



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(35 is output on console)

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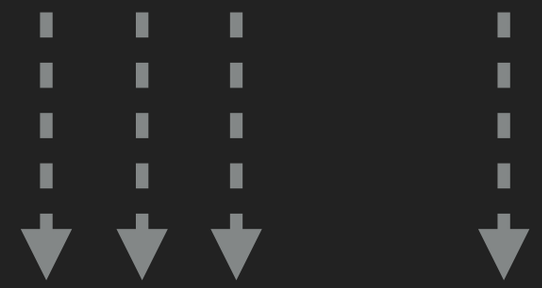
NOT variable names!



add-3-numbers (x y z -- sum)

names serve as documentation
for the programmer

THE BASICS (STACK EFFECTS)

add-3-numbers (x y z -- sum)

is the same as

add-3-numbers (x x x -- x)

DEFINING NEW WORDS

```
: double ( n -- n )
2 * ;
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begin definition

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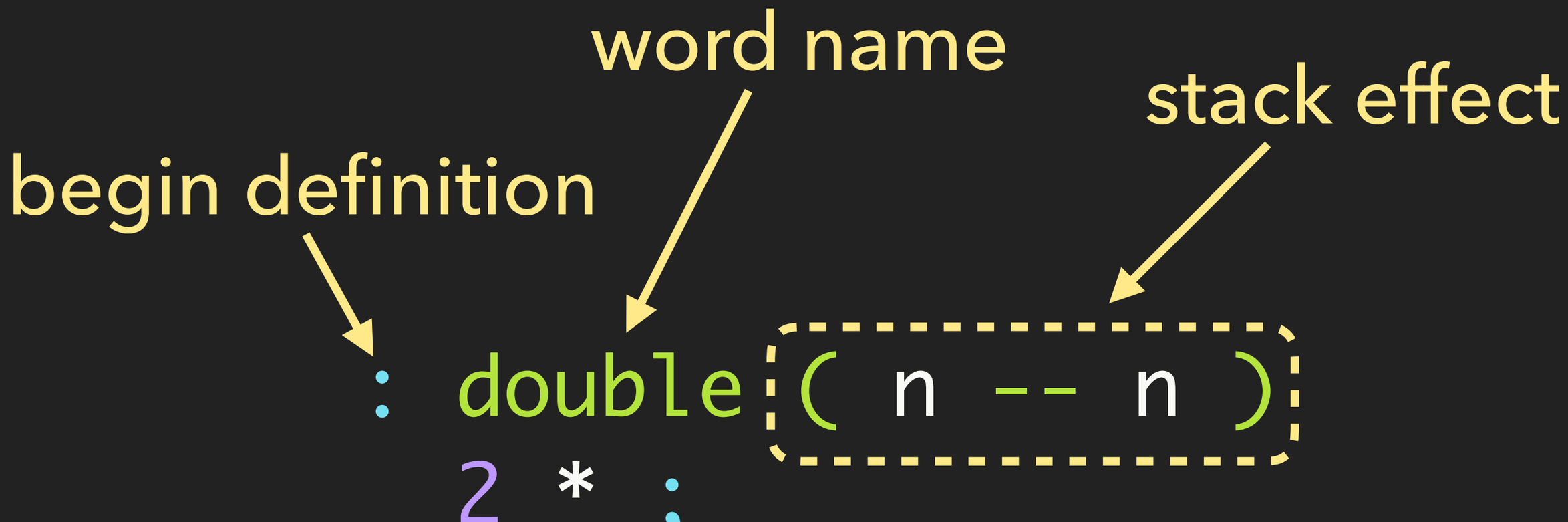

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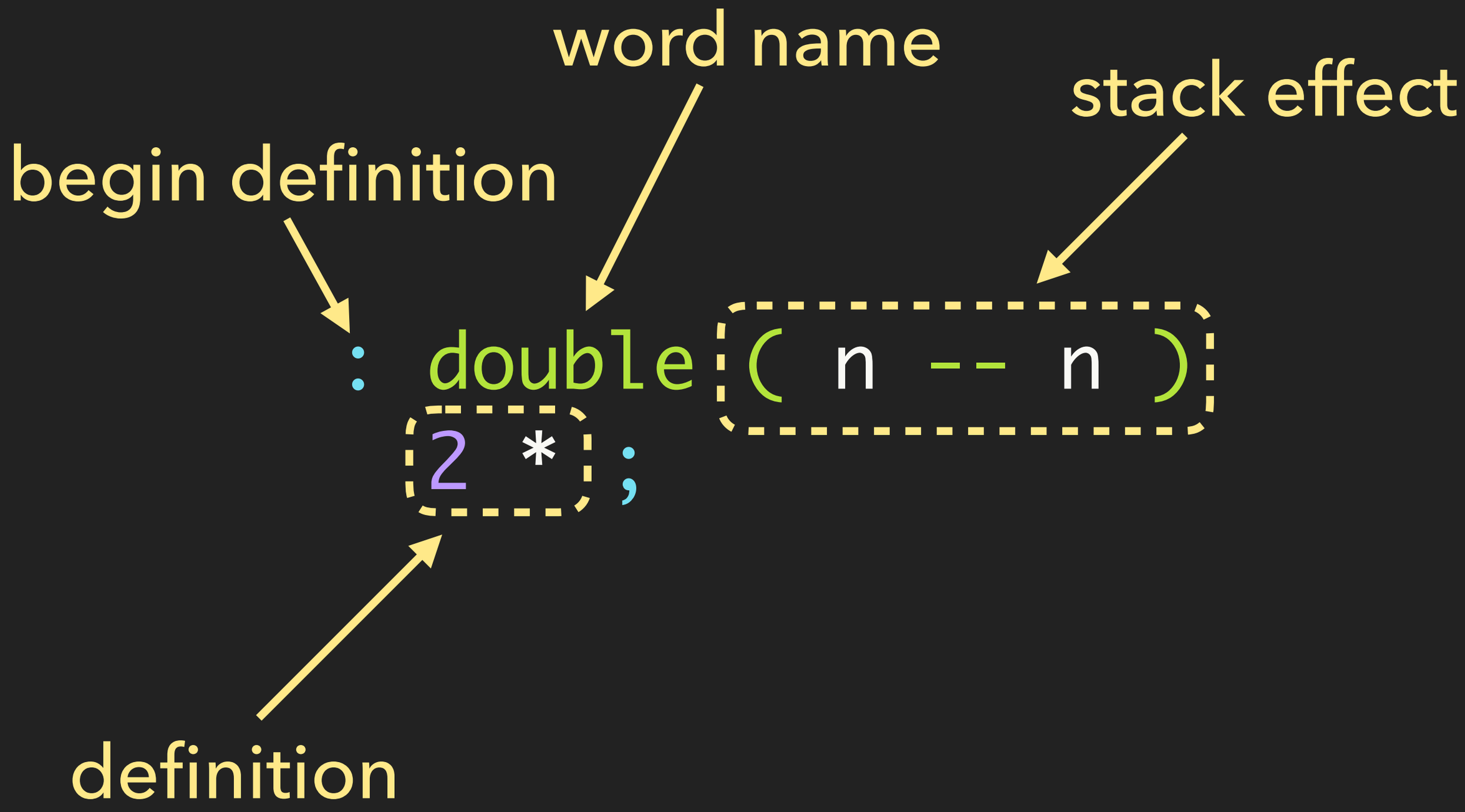

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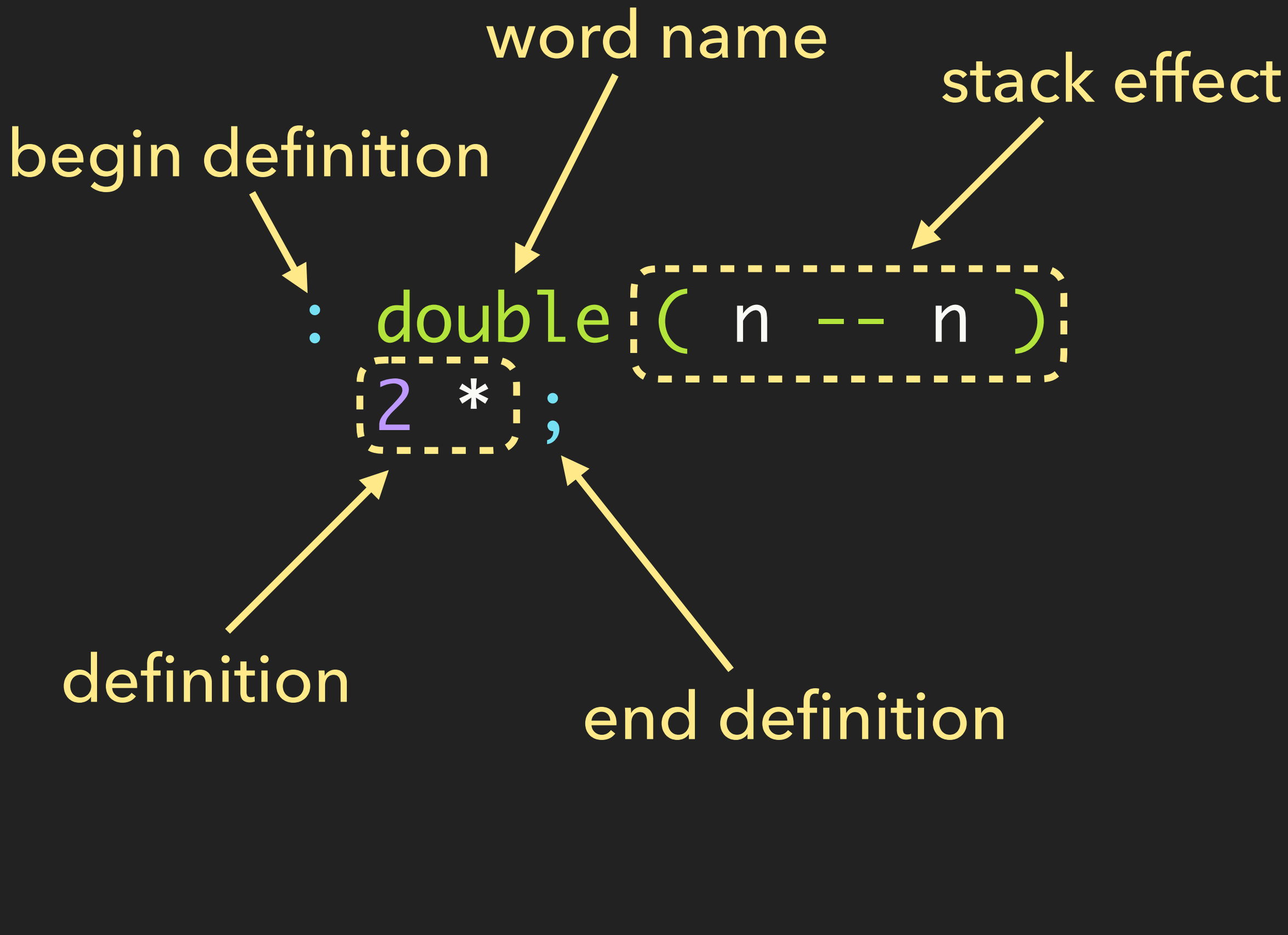

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VOCABULARIES / MODULE SYSTEM

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IN: utilities

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Import Vocabularies

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the multiply word exists
in the math vocab

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this word gets defined
in the utilities vocabulary

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- Vocabulary system

  implemented in Factor

- USING: and IN:

  are just words

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In Stack Based Languages
Sequence of Words = Function Composition

Name Operations

Not Variables

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dup (x -- x x)

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Multiple Return Values

```
/mod  ( x y -- q r )
```

pronounced “slashmod”

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Divides x by y leaving
quotient q and remainder r
on the stack

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- Booleans `t` (true) `f` (false)
- Numbers `123` `1.25` `22/7`
- Strings `"factor"`

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Arrays

```
{ 1 2 3 }
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{ 1 2 3 } sum .
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(seq -- sum)

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H{
   { "a" 10 }
   { "b" 20 }
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(key hashtable -- value)

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LITERALS

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begin

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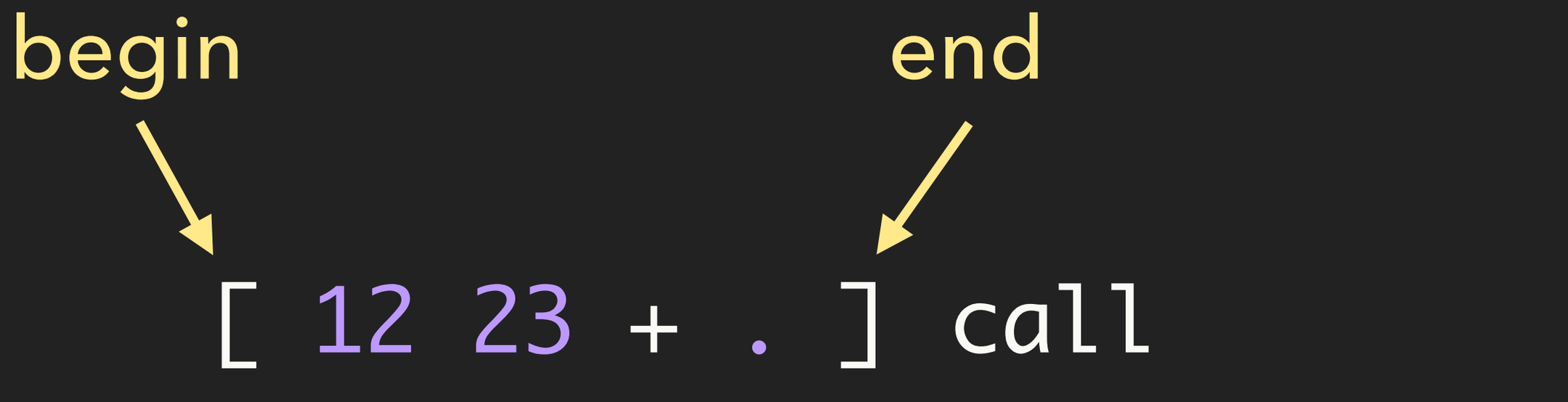

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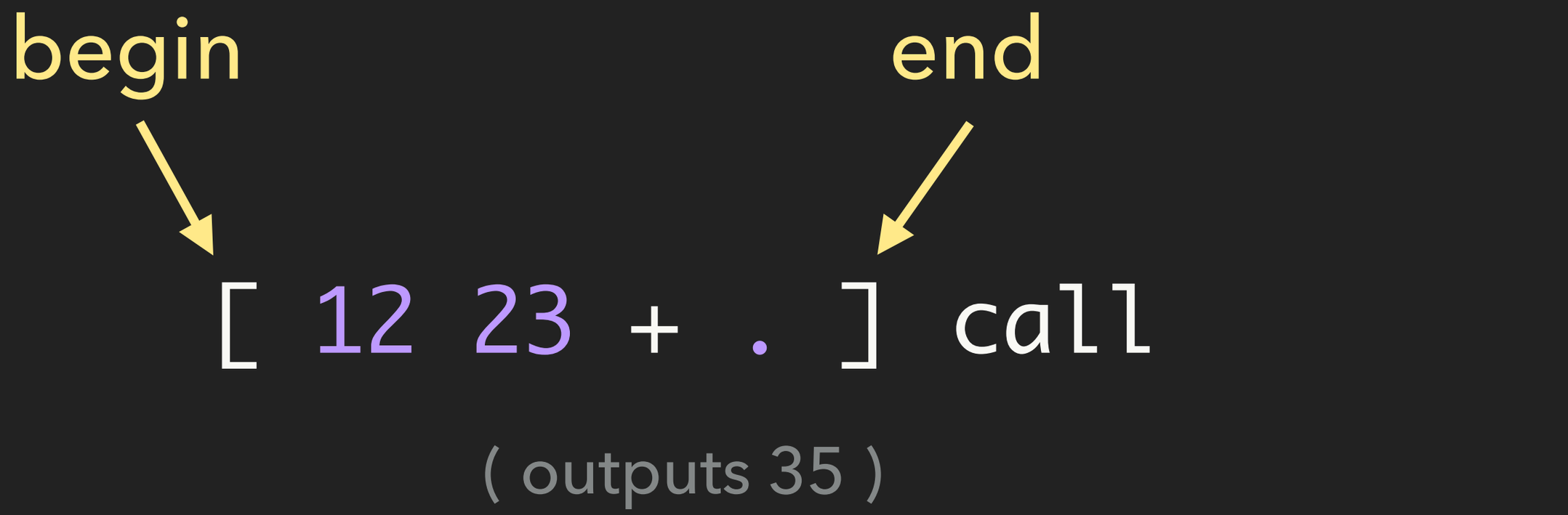

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COMBINATORS

```
t [ "Yup" ] [ "Nope" ] if print
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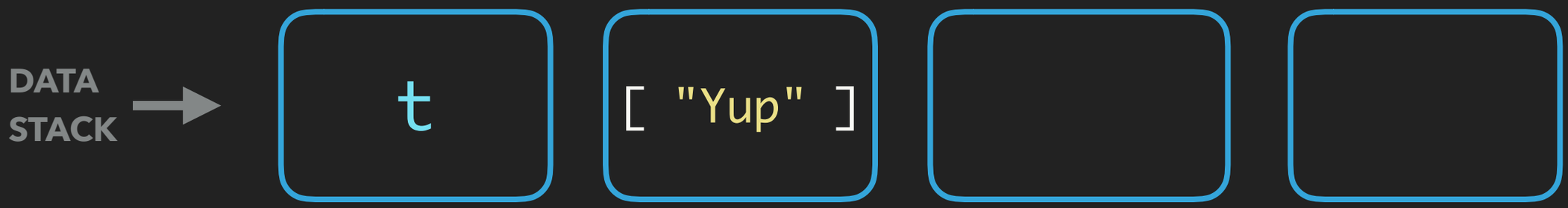

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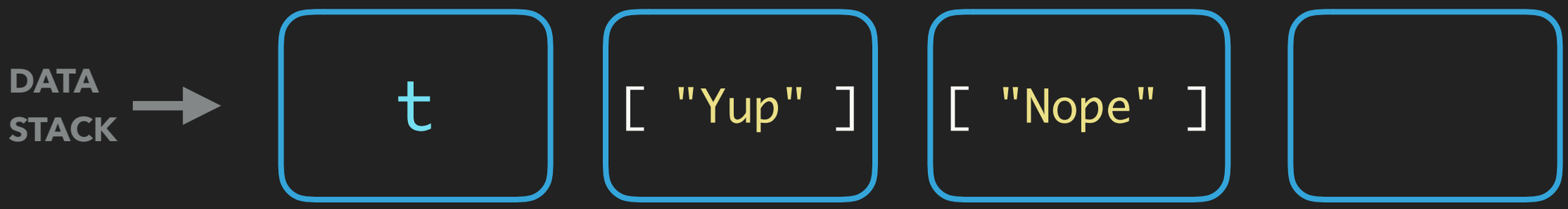

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( ..a ? true: ( ..a -- ..b ) false: ( ..a -- ..b ) -- ..b )
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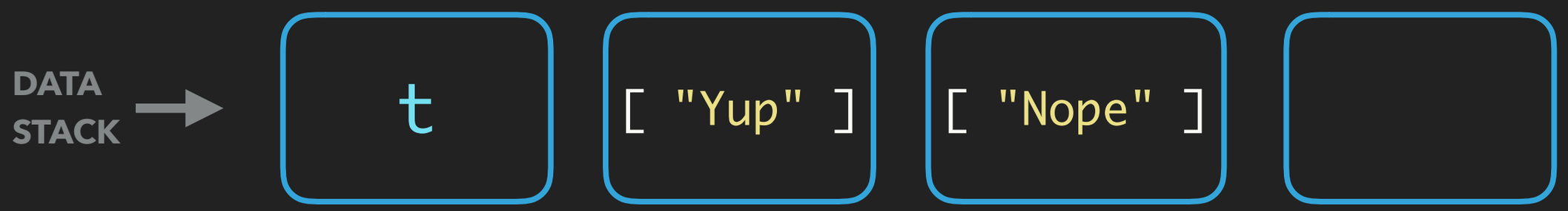

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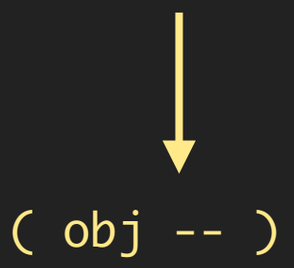

COMBINATORS

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(outputs Yup)

COMBINATOR EXAMPLES

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```

```
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    "Factor is terse!" print
] times
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```

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   dup sq . 1 +
] while drop
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CONTROL FLOW WORDS

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- if, when, unless, while, until, times

  control flow words

  implemented as combinators

- Create your own control flow words

  by combining existing primitives

COMBINATOR EXAMPLES (SEQUENCES)

map (... seq quot: (... x – ... mx) – ... newseq)

filter (... seq quot: (... x – ... ?) – ... newseq)

```
: sum-of-squares-of-evens ( seq -- sum )
    [ even? ] filter
    [ sq ] map
    sum ;
```

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Lets Step Through This Interactively

COMBINATOR EXAMPLES

dip	bi	bi*	bi@
2dip	2bi	2bi*	2bi@
keep	tri	tri*	tri@
2keep	2tri	2tri*	2tri@
curry	2curry	compose	with

COMBINATOR EXAMPLES (SEQUENCE OPERATIONS)

each

each-index

map

map-index

reduce

filter

partition

2each

2map

3each

3map

any?

all?

COMBINATOR EXAMPLES

And Many Many More

LOCAL VARIABLES

LOCALS

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3dup + + 2 /                    ! a b c p
[ swap - ] keep [ rot ] dip ! b p-c a p
[ swap - ] keep [ rot ] dip ! p-c p-b a p
[ swap - ] keep                 ! p-c p-b p-a p
* * * sqrt ;
```

LOCALS

Area of a triangle using Heron's formula

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Too much Stack Manipulation!!

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Define word with
local variables

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Named local variables

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Assignment operator

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} a lot more readable

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```

LOCALS

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- :: and :>

  are words

  implemented as syntax extensions

  in the locals vocabulary

- Less than 1%

  of words in the core distribution

  use Local Variables

OBJECT ORIENTATION

OBJECT ORIENTATION IN FACTOR

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- Tuples: collection of named slots
- Auto-generated slot accessor words
- Generic words dispatch on tuple type
- Methods implement generic word for specific Tuple

OBJECT ORIENTATION IN FACTOR

```
TUPLE: rectangle length breath ;

length>> ( obj -- value )
breath>> ( obj -- value )

>>length ( obj value -- obj )
>>breath ( obj value -- obj )
```

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Getter Words

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```

```
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```

Setter Words

OBJECT ORIENTATION IN FACTOR

```
TUPLE: rectangle length breath ;
TUPLE: circle radius ;

GENERIC: area ( obj -- n )

M: rectangle area
   [ length>> ] [ breath>> ]
   bi * ;

M: circle area
   radius>> sq
   3.14 * ;
```

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Method Definitions

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   3.14 * ;
```

OBJECT ORIENTATION IN FACTOR

```
: <rectangle> ( l b -- rect )
  rectangle new
  swap >>breath
  swap >>length ;
```

```
: <circle> ( r -- circle )
  circle new
  swap >>radius ;
```

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Constructor Words

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  circle new
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OBJECT ORIENTATION IN FACTOR

```
10 5 <rectangle> area .
```

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(outputs 50)

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(outputs 50)

```
10 <circle> area .
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```

(outputs 314)

OBJECT ORIENTATION IN FACTOR

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- TUPLE: GENERIC: M:

  are words

  implemented as syntax extensions

SYNTAX RECAP

```
:                                   ::
"
(
{                                   M:
H{
[                                   TUPLE:
```

SYNTAX RECAP

: Define New Word : :

" USING: effects.parser words ;
IN: syntax
SYNTAX: : (:) define-declared ;

(M:

{

H{

[TUPLE:

SYNTAX RECAP

: String Literal : :

"

(

{

H{

[

```
USING: sequences strings.parser ;
IN: syntax
SYNTAX: " parse-string suffix! ;
```

M:

TUPLE:

SYNTAX RECAP

: Hashtable Literal ::

“

(USING: hashtables parser ;
IN: syntax
SYNTAX: H{ \ } [parse-hashtable]
parse-literal ; M:

{

H{

[TUPLE:

SYNTAX RECAP

: Define a New Tuple : :

“

(

{

H{

[

```
USING: classes.tuple classes.tuple.parser ;
IN: syntax
SYNTAX: TUPLE: parse-tuple-definition
define-tuple-class ;
```

M:

TUPLE:

SYNTAX RECAP

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:                                   : :
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H{
[                                   TUPLE:
```

SYNTAX RECAP

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“

Syntax == Words

(

M:

{

H{

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TUPLE:

SYNTAX RECAP

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::

Syntax == Words

defined

in Factor

M:

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(Factor is self hosted)
meta-circularity

Factor: *Language = Library*

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- Control Flow

  Implemented as combinators

- Module System

  Implemented as syntax extensions

- Local (variables)

  Implemented as a library

- Object Orientation

  Implemented as syntax extensions

- Interactive Help System

  Implemented as a DSL in a library

STACK LANGUAGES ARE

PRETTY COOL

Questions?