Loops

They go around and around...

Requires 3 elements:

- 1. The **while** keyword
- 2. conditional that evaluates to true/false
- 3. block of code. Runs until the conditional evaluates to false

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while(I have pizzas left) {
    How many do I have left?
    Eat one
}
```

Demo

```
let pizzasLeft = 4;
while (pizzasLeft >= 1) {
   console.log('I have ', pizzasLeft, ' pizzas left');
   pizzasLeft--;
}
```

```
let iHavePizzas = false;
while (iHavePizzas) {
   console.log('why doesnt this run?');
}
```

```
let iHavePizzas = true;
while (iHavePizzas) {
  console.log('i never eat so this runs forever');
  // (or until my computer runs out of memory)
}
```

```
let pizzasLeft = 4;
// don't get yourself in an infinite loop!
while (pizzasLeft >= 1) {
   console.log('I have ', pizzasLeft, ' left');
}
```

Check for Understanding:

Write a while loop that logs all the odd numbers from 9 down.

SOLUTION:

```
1  let num = 9;
2 
3  while (num > 0) {
    console.log('num: ', num);
    num -= 2;
6  }
```

- a **for** loop requires three elements:
 - 1. the **for** keyword
 - 2. three optional expressions
 - 3. block of code. Runs until the conditional evaluates to false

Analogy: You make a workout regime for 5 days.



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```
for( starting on day 1; until day 5; go to next day) {
    workout
}
```

- *first*, initialization is run (let i = 1)
- before each iteration, condition is checked to see if true if it is, the for loop will run another iteration (i <= 5)
- **after** each iteration, the third expression runs, typically incrementing the counter (i++)

```
for (let i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
  console.log('current day: ', i);
}</pre>
```

Demo

```
// loop in either direction (in this case, backward)
for (let i = 5; i >= 1; i--) {
   console.log('current index: ', i);
}
```

```
// can increment by any number (in this case, 100)
for (let i = 100; i <= 400; i += 100) {
   console.log('current index: ', i);
}</pre>
```

```
// use for loops to iterate through a string
let letters = 'bumfuzzle';
for (let i = 0; i < letters.length; i++) {
  let currentLetter = letters[i];
  console.log(currentLetter);
}</pre>
```

Check for Understanding:

Write a **for** loop that capitalizes every other letter in a string.

SOLUTION:

```
let str = 'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious';
let newStr = '';
for (let i = 0; i < str.length; i++) {
  if (i % 2 === 0) {
    newStr += str[i].toUpperCase();
  } else {
    newStr += str[i];
```

continue keyword

```
// continue causes loop to skip to the next iteration
let word = 'Twitter';
let newWord = '';
for (let i = 0; i < word.length; i++) {</pre>
  if (word[i] === 'w') {
    continue;
  newWord += word[i];
console.log('newWord: ', newWord);
// continue also works in while loops
```

break keyword

```
// break breaks out of the loop permanently
let programmingLanguage = 'C';
while (true) {
  programmingLanguage += '+';
  if (programmingLanguage.length === 3) {
    break:
console.log(programmingLanguage);
// break also works in for loops
```