

# Dart Programming Language Grammar

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**variableDeclaration:**

declaredIdentifier (',' identifier)\*

;

**declaredIdentifier:**

metadata finalConstVarOrType identifier

;

**finalConstVarOrType:**

final type? |

const type? |

varOrType

;

**varOrType:**

var |

type

;

**initializedVariableDeclaration:**

declaredIdentifier ('=' expression)? (',' initializedIdentifier)\*

;

**initializedIdentifier:**

identifier ('=' expression)?

;

**initializedIdentifierList:**

initializedIdentifier (',' initializedIdentifier)\*

;

**functionSignature:**

metadata returnType? identifier formalParameterPart

;

**formalParameterPart:**

typeParameters? formalParameterList

;

**returnType:**

void |

type

;

**functionBody:**

```

  async? '='> expression ';' |
  (async | async* | sync*)? block
;

```

**block:**

```

  '{' statements '}'
;

```

**formalParameterList:**

```

  '(' ' |
  '(' normalFormalParameters ';'? ')' |
  '(' normalFormalParameters ';' optionalFormalParameters ')' |
  '(' optionalFormalParameters ')'
;

```

**normalFormalParameters:**

```

  normalFormalParameter (';' normalFormalParameter)*
;

```

**optionalFormalParameters:**

```

  optionalPositionalFormalParameters |
  namedFormalParameters
;

```

**optionalPositionalFormalParameters:**

```

  '[' defaultFormalParameter (';' defaultFormalParameter)* ';'? ']'
;

```

**namedFormalParameters:**

```

  '{' defaultNamedParameter (';' defaultNamedParameter)* ';'? '}'
;

```

**normalFormalParameter:**

```

  functionFormalParameter |
  fieldFormalParameter |
  simpleFormalParameter
;

```

**functionFormalParameter:**

```

  metadata covariant? returnType? identifier
  formalParameterPart
;

```

**simpleFormalParameter:**

```

  metadata covariant? finalConstVarOrType? identifier |

```

;

**fieldFormalParameter:**

metadata finalConstVarOrType? **this** ‘.’ identifier  
formalParameterPart?

;

**defaultFormalParameter:**

normalFormalParameter (‘=’ expression)?

;

**defaultNamedParameter:**

normalFormalParameter (‘=’ expression)? |  
normalFormalParameter (‘.’ expression)?

;

**classDefinition:**

metadata **abstract**? **class** identifier typeParameters?  
(superclass mixins)? interfaces?  
‘{’ (metadata classMemberDefinition)\* ‘}’ |  
metadata **abstract**? **class** mixinApplicationClass

;

**mixins:**

**with** typeList

;

**classMemberDefinition:**

declaration ‘;’ |  
methodSignature functionBody

;

**methodSignature:**

constructorSignature initializers? |  
factoryConstructorSignature |  
**static**? functionSignature |  
**static**? getterSignature |  
**static**? setterSignature |  
operatorSignature

;

**declaration:**

constantConstructorSignature (redirection | initializers)? |  
constructorSignature (redirection | initializers)? |  
**external** constantConstructorSignature |

```

external constructorSignature |
((external static)?)? getterSignature |
((external static)?)? setterSignature |
external? operatorSignature |
((external static)?)? functionSignature |
static (final | const) type? staticFinalDeclarationList |
final type? initializedIdentifierList |
(static | covariant)? (var | type) initializedIdentifierList
;

```

```

staticFinalDeclarationList:
  staticFinalDeclaration (',' staticFinalDeclaration)*
;

```

```

staticFinalDeclaration:
  identifier '=' expression
;

```

```

operatorSignature:
  returnType? operator operator formalParameterList
;

```

```

operator:
  '~' |
  binaryOperator |
  '[]' |
  '[]='
;

```

```

binaryOperator:
  multiplicativeOperator |
  additiveOperator |
  shiftOperator |
  relationalOperator |
  '==' |
  bitwiseOperator
;

```

```

getterSignature:
  returnType? get identifier
;

```

```

setterSignature:
  returnType? set identifier formalParameterList
;

```

```

constructorSignature:
  identifier (',' identifier)? formalParameterList
;

```

```

redirection:
  ‘.’ this (‘.’ identifier)? arguments
  ;
initializers:
  ‘.’ initializerListEntry (‘;’ initializerListEntry)*
  ;

initializerListEntry:
  super arguments |
  super ‘.’ identifier arguments |
  fieldInitializer |
  assertion
  ;

fieldInitializer:
  (this ‘.’)? identifier ‘=’ conditionalExpression cascadeSection*
  ;
factoryConstructorSignature:
  factory identifier (‘.’ identifier)? formalParameterList
  ;
redirectingFactoryConstructorSignature:
  const? factory identifier (‘.’ identifier)? formalParameterList
  ‘=’ type (‘.’ identifier)?
  ;
constantConstructorSignature:
  const qualified formalParameterList
  ;
superclass:
  extends type
  ;
interfaces:
  implements typeList
  ;
mixinApplicationClass:
  identifier typeParameters? ‘=’ mixinApplication ‘;’
  ;

mixinApplication:
  type mixins interfaces?
  ;
enumType:
  metadata enum identifier
  ‘{’ enumEntry (‘;’ enumEntry)* (‘;’)? ‘}’
  ;

```

```
enumEntry:
  metadata identifier
;
typeParameter:
  metadata identifier (extends type)?
;

typeParameters:
  '<' typeParameter (',' typeParameter)* '>'
;
metadata:
  ('@' qualified (':' identifier)? (arguments)?)*
;
expression:
  assignableExpression assignmentOperator expression |
  conditionalExpression cascadeSection* |
  throwExpression
;

expressionWithoutCascade:
  assignableExpression assignmentOperator
  expressionWithoutCascade |
  conditionalExpression |
  throwExpressionWithoutCascade
;

expressionList:
  expression (',' expression)*
;
primary:
  thisExpression |
  super unconditionalAssignableSelector |
  functionExpression |
  literal |
  identifier |
  newExpression |
  constObjectExpression |
  '(' expression ')
;
literal:
  nullLiteral |
  booleanLiteral |
  numericLiteral |
  stringLiteral |
  symbolLiteral |
```

```

    mapLiteral |
    listLiteral
;
nullLiteral:
    null
;
numericLiteral:
    NUMBER |
    HEX_NUMBER
;

NUMBER:
    DIGIT+ (‘.’ DIGIT+)? EXPONENT? |
    ‘.’ DIGIT+ EXPONENT?
;

EXPONENT:
    (‘e’ | ‘E’) (‘+’ | ‘-’)? DIGIT+
;

HEX_NUMBER:
    ‘0x’ HEX_DIGIT+ |
    ‘0X’ HEX_DIGIT+
;

HEX_DIGIT:
    ‘a’..‘f’ |
    ‘A’..‘F’ |
    DIGIT
;
booleanLiteral:
    true |
    false
;
stringLiteral:
    (multilineString | singleLineString)+
;
singleLineString:
    ‘”’ stringContentDQ* ‘”’ |
    ‘”’ stringContentSQ* ‘”’ |
    ‘r’ ( ~( ‘”’ | NEWLINE ) ) * ‘”’ |
    ‘R’ ( ~( ‘”’ | NEWLINE ) ) * ‘”’
;
multilineString:
    ‘"""’ stringContentTDQ* ‘"""’ |

```



```

''' stringContentTSQ* ''' |
'r'''' (~''''*)* '''' |
'R'''' (~''''*)* ''''
;

```

**ESCAPE\_SEQUENCE:**

```

'\n' |
'\r' |
'\f' |
'\b' |
'\t' |
'\v' |
'\x' HEX_DIGIT HEX_DIGIT |
'\u' HEX_DIGIT HEX_DIGIT HEX_DIGIT HEX_DIGIT |
'\u{' HEX_DIGIT_SEQUENCE '}'
;

```

**HEX\_DIGIT\_SEQUENCE:**

```

HEX_DIGIT HEX_DIGIT? HEX_DIGIT?
HEX_DIGIT? HEX_DIGIT? HEX_DIGIT?
;

```

**stringContentDQ:**

```

~( '\ ' | ' " ' | '$ ' | NEWLINE ) |
'\ ' ~( NEWLINE ) |
stringInterpolation
;

```

**stringContentSQ:**

```

~( ' \ ' | ' ' ' | '$ ' | NEWLINE ) |
'\ ' ~( NEWLINE ) |
stringInterpolation
;

```

**stringContentTDQ:**

```

~( '\ ' | ' "" ' | '$ ' ) |
stringInterpolation
;

```

**stringContentTSQ:**

```

~( '\ ' | ' "" ' | '$ ' ) |
stringInterpolation
;

```

**NEWLINE:**

```

    \n |
    \r |
    \r\n
;
stringInterpolation:
    '$' IDENTIFIER_NO_DOLLAR |
    '${' expression '}'
;
symbolLiteral:
    '#' (operator | (identifier ('.' identifier)*))
;
listLiteral:
    const? typeArguments? '[' (expressionList ';')? '['
;
mapLiteral:
    const? typeArguments?
    '{' (mapLiteralEntry (';' mapLiteralEntry)* ';')? '}'
;

mapLiteralEntry:
    expression ':' expression
;
throwExpression:
    throw expression
;

throwExpressionWithoutCascade:
    throw expressionWithoutCascade
;
functionExpression:
    formalParameterPart functionBody
;
thisExpression:
    this
;
newExpression:
    new type ('.' identifier)? arguments
;
constObjectExpression:
    const type ('.' identifier)? arguments
;
arguments:
    '(' (argumentList ';')? ')'
;

```

**argumentList:**

```

    namedArgument (',' namedArgument)* |
    expressionList (',' namedArgument)*
;

```

**namedArgument:**

```

    label expression
;

```

**cascadeSection:**

```

    '..' (cascadeSelector argumentPart*)
        (assignableSelector argumentPart*)*
        (assignmentOperator expressionWithoutCascade)?
;

```

**cascadeSelector:**

```

    '[' expression ']' |
    identifier
;

```

**argumentPart:**

```

    typeArguments? arguments
;

```

**assignmentOperator:**

```

    '=' |
    compoundAssignmentOperator
;

```

**compoundAssignmentOperator:**

```

    '*=' |
    '/=' |
    '~/' '=' |
    '%=' |
    '+=' |
    '-=' |
    '<<=' |
    '>>=' |
    '>>>=' |
    '&=' |
    '^=' |
    '|=' |
    '??='
;

```

**conditionalExpression:**

```

    ifNullExpression
        ('?' expressionWithoutCascade ':' expressionWithoutCascade)?
;

```

```

ifNullExpression:
    logicalOrExpression ('??' logicalOrExpression)*
    ;
logicalOrExpression:
    logicalAndExpression ('||' logicalAndExpression)*
    ;

logicalAndExpression:
    equalityExpression ('&&' equalityExpression)*
    ;
equalityExpression:
    relationalExpression (equalityOperator relationalExpression)? |
    super equalityOperator relationalExpression
    ;

equalityOperator:
    '==' |
    '!='
    ;
relationalExpression:
    bitwiseOrExpression (typeTest | typeCast |
        relationalOperator bitwiseOrExpression)? |
    super relationalOperator bitwiseOrExpression
    ;

relationalOperator:
    '>=' |
    '>' |
    '<=' |
    '<'
    ;
bitwiseOrExpression:
    bitwiseXorExpression ('|' bitwiseXorExpression)* |
    super ('|' bitwiseXorExpression)+
    ;

bitwiseXorExpression:
    bitwiseAndExpression ('^' bitwiseAndExpression)* |
    super ('^' bitwiseAndExpression)+
    ;

bitwiseAndExpression:
    shiftExpression ('&' shiftExpression)* |
    super ('&' shiftExpression)+

```

;

**bitwiseOperator:**

‘&’ |  
 ‘^’ |  
 ‘|’

;

**shiftExpression:**

additiveExpression (shiftOperator additiveExpression)\* |  
**super** (shiftOperator additiveExpression)+

;

**shiftOperator:**

‘<<’ |  
 ‘>>’ |  
 ‘>>>’

;

**additiveExpression:**

multiplicativeExpression  
 (additiveOperator multiplicativeExpression)\* |  
**super** (additiveOperator multiplicativeExpression)+

;

**additiveOperator:**

‘+’ |  
 ‘\_’

;

**multiplicativeExpression:**

unaryExpression (multiplicativeOperator unaryExpression)\* |  
**super** (multiplicativeOperator unaryExpression)+

;

**multiplicativeOperator:**

‘\*’ |  
 ‘/’ |  
 ‘%’ |  
 ‘~/’

;

**unaryExpression:**

prefixOperator unaryExpression |  
 awaitExpression |  
 postfixExpression |  
 (minusOperator | tildeOperator) **super** |  
 incrementOperator assignableExpression

;

**prefixOperator:**  
minusOperator |  
negationOperator |  
tildeOperator  
;

**minusOperator:**  
'-'  
;

**negationOperator:**  
'!'  
;

**tildeOperator:**  
'~'  
;

**awaitExpression:**  
await unaryExpression  
;

**postfixExpression:**  
assignableExpression postfixOperator |  
primary selector\*  
;

**postfixOperator:**  
incrementOperator  
;

**selector:**  
assignableSelector |  
argumentPart  
;

**incrementOperator:**  
'++' |  
'--'  
;

**assignableExpression:**  
primary (argumentPart\* assignableSelector)+ |  
super unconditionalAssignableSelector |  
identifier

;

**unconditionalAssignableSelector:**

{ ' expression ' } |

{ . identifier

;

**assignableSelector:**

unconditionalAssignableSelector |

{ ?. identifier

;

**identifier:**

IDENTIFIER

;

**IDENTIFIER\_NO\_DOLLAR:**

IDENTIFIER\_START\_NO\_DOLLAR

IDENTIFIER\_PART\_NO\_DOLLAR\*

;

**IDENTIFIER:**

IDENTIFIER\_START IDENTIFIER\_PART\*

;

**BUILT\_IN\_IDENTIFIER:**

abstract |

as |

covariant |

deferred |

dynamic |

export |

external |

factory |

Function |

get |

implements |

import |

interface |

library |

operator |

mixin |

part |

set |

static |

```
typedef
;

IDENTIFIER_START:
  IDENTIFIER_START_NO_DOLLAR |
  '$'
;

IDENTIFIER_START_NO_DOLLAR:
  LETTER |
  '_'
;

IDENTIFIER_PART_NO_DOLLAR:
  IDENTIFIER_START_NO_DOLLAR |
  DIGIT
;

IDENTIFIER_PART:
  IDENTIFIER_START |
  DIGIT
;

qualified:
  identifier ('.' identifier)?
;

typeTest:
  isOperator type
;

isOperator:
  is '!'?
;

typeCast:
  asOperator type
;

asOperator:
  as
;

statements:
  statement*
;
```



**statement:**

label\* nonLabelledStatement  
;

**nonLabelledStatement:**

block |  
localVariableDeclaration |  
forStatement |  
whileStatement |  
doStatement |  
switchStatement |  
ifStatement |  
rethrowStatement |  
tryStatement |  
breakStatement |  
continueStatement |  
returnStatement |  
yieldStatement |  
yieldEachStatement |  
expressionStatement |  
assertStatement |  
localFunctionDeclaration  
;

**expressionStatement:**

expression? ';' ;

**localVariableDeclaration:**

initializedVariableDeclaration ';' ;

**localFunctionDeclaration:**

functionSignature functionBody ;

**ifStatement:**

if '(' expression ')' statement ( **else** statement)? ;

**forStatement:**

**await?** **for** '(' forLoopParts ')' statement ;

**forLoopParts:**

forInitializerStatement expression? ';' expressionList? |  
declaredIdentifier **in** expression |  
identifier **in** expression ;

```
forInitializerStatement:
  localVariableDeclaration |
  expression? ';'
;
whileStatement:
  while '(' expression ') statement
;
doStatement:
  do statement while '(' expression ') ';'
;
switchStatement:
  switch '(' expression ') '{ switchCase* defaultCase? '}'
;

switchCase:
  label* case expression ':' statements
;

defaultCase:
  label* default ':' statements
;
rethrowStatement:
  rethrow ';'
;
tryStatement:
  try block (onPart+ finallyPart? | finallyPart)
;

onPart:
  catchPart block |
  on type catchPart? block
;

catchPart:
  catch '(' identifier (',' identifier)? ')
;

finallyPart:
  finally block
;
returnStatement:
  return expression? ';'
;
label:
```

```

    identifier ':'
  ;
breakStatement:
  break identifier? ';'
  ;
continueStatement:
  continue identifier? ';'
  ;
yieldStatement:
  yield expression ';'
  ;
yieldEachStatement:
  yield* expression ';'
  ;
assertStatement:
  assertion ';'
  ;

assertion:
  assert '(' expression (',' expression )? '?? ('
  ;
topLevelDefinition:
  classDefinition |
  enumType |
  typeAlias |
  external? functionSignature ';' |
  external? getterSignature ';' |
  external? setterSignature ';' |
  functionSignature functionBody |
  returnType? get identifier functionBody |
  returnType? set identifier formalParameterList functionBody |
  (final | const) type? staticFinalDeclarationList ';' |
  variableDeclaration ';'
  ;

getOrSet:
  get |
  set
  ;

libraryDefinition:
  scriptTag? libraryName? importOrExport* partDirective*
  topLevelDefinition*
  ;

```

**scriptTag:**

```
'#!' (~NEWLINE)* NEWLINE  
;
```

**libraryName:**

```
metadata library dottedIdentifierList ';' ;
```

**importOrExport:**

```
libraryImport |  
libraryExport  
;
```

**dottedIdentifierList:**

```
identifier ('.' identifier)*  
;
```

**libraryImport:**

```
metadata importSpecification  
;
```

**importSpecification:**

```
import configurableUri (as identifier)? combinator* ';' |  
import uri deferred as identifier combinator* ';' ;
```

**combinator:**

```
show identifierList |  
hide identifierList  
;
```

**identifierList:**

```
identifier (, identifier)*  
;
```

**libraryExport:**

```
metadata export configurableUri combinator* ';' ;
```

**partDirective:**

```
metadata part uri ';' ;
```

**partHeader:**

```
metadata part of identifier ('.' identifier)* ';' ;
```

```
partDeclaration:
  partHeader topLevelDefinition* EOF
;
uri:
  stringLiteral
;
configurableUri:
  uri configurationUri*
;
configurationUri:
  if '(' uriTest ')' uri
;
uriTest:
  dottedIdentifierList ('==' stringLiteral)?
;
type:
  typeName typeArguments?
;

typeName:
  qualified
;

typeArguments:
  '<' typeList '>'
;

typeList:
  type (' ' type)*
;
typeAlias:
  metadata typedef typeAliasBody
;

typeAliasBody:
  functionTypeAlias
;

functionTypeAlias:
  functionPrefix typeParameters? formalParameterList ';'
;

functionPrefix:
  returnType? identifier
```

```
;
LETTER:
  'a' .. 'z' |
  'A' .. 'Z'
;

DIGIT:
  '0' .. '9'
;

WHITESPACE:
  ('\t' | ' ' | NEWLINE)+
;
SINGLE_LINE_COMMENT:
  '//' ~(NEWLINE)* (NEWLINE)?
;

MULTI_LINE_COMMENT:
  '/*' (MULTILINE_COMMENT | ~ '*/')* '*/'
;
```