

Encapsulation and **Polymorphism** as two important ideas in Java OOP.

1. Encapsulation — “Protect the data”

Simple meaning:

Encapsulation means **keeping data private and accessing it through methods**.

Think of it like an **ATM**: you cannot directly access the bank's internal data. You use buttons/options to interact with it.

Example

```
class Student {  
  
    private int age;  
  
    public void setAge(int age) {  
        this.age = age;  
    }  
  
    public int getAge() {  
        return age;  
    }  
}  
  
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        Student s = new Student();  
  
        s.setAge(20);  
  
        System.out.println(s.getAge());  
    }  
}
```

Output

20

Here:

- `private int age` → data is protected
- `setAge()` → used to set the value
- `getAge()` → used to get the value

Remember

Encapsulation = Data hiding + controlled access

2. Polymorphism — “One name, many forms”

Simple meaning:

Polymorphism means **the same method name can behave differently depending on the situation/object**.

There are two main types.

Method Overloading

Same method name, different parameters.

```
class Calculator {  
  
    int add(int a, int b) {  
        return a + b;  
    }  
  
    int add(int a, int b, int c) {  
        return a + b + c;  
    }  
}
```

Now:

```
Calculator c = new Calculator();
```

```
System.out.println(c.add(10, 20));  
System.out.println(c.add(10, 20, 30));
```

Output:

```
30  
60
```

Same method name add(), but different behavior based on the arguments.

Method Overriding

A child class changes the behavior of a method inherited from the parent.

```
class Animal {  
  
    void sound() {  
        System.out.println("Animal makes sound");  
    }  
}  
  
class Dog extends Animal {  
  
    @Override  
    void sound() {  
        System.out.println("Dog barks");  
    }  
}  
  
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        Animal a = new Dog();  
  
        a.sound();  
    }  
}
```

Output:

Dog barks

The reference is `Animal`, but the actual object is `Dog`, so the `Dog` version of `sound()` runs.

Easy way to remember

Concept	Simple meaning	Example
Encapsulation	Protect/hide data	private + getter/setter
Polymorphism	One name, different behavior	Method overloading/overriding
□ One-line memory trick		
Encapsulation → “Hide the data.”		
Polymorphism → “Same method, different behavior.”		