VARIABLES IN VISUAL BASIC

The code below is VB's way of setting up (or declaring) variables:

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Dim  number1   As Integer
Dim  number2   As Integer
Number1 = 3
Number2 = 5
```

Below is the explanation of the above code:

`Dim:` Short for *Dimension*. It is a type of variable. You declare [that you are setting up] a variable with this word.

`Number1:` This is the name of the variable you are setting up. It usually comes after the `Dim` key word. You can call your variable almost anything you like, but there are a few reserved words that VB won't allow. It's good practice to give your variables a name appropriate to what it is going to do.

`As Integer:` This phrase tells Visual Basic that the variable is going to be a number (integer). Apart from integer, there are other types of variables.

`Number1 = 3:` The statement tells Visual Basic to assign the value '3' to the variable '`number1`'. The = sign is used in Visual Basic to assign values to variables.