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# Inheritance of Styles

Let's refer back to the parent/child relationship we learned about earlier.

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<h1>Hey, <em>look</em> at that monkey</h1>
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The **h1** is the parent element of the **em**. Therefore, if we add the style **color: blue;** to the **h1**, then the **em** will inherit that style and also be **color: blue;**

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However, if we define a separate colour for the **em**, say **color: orange;** then the **em** will display in that colour instead, overriding the inherited style of it's parent.

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That's pretty much how the inheritance of styles works. Assign a style to an element, its child elements will inherit the styles assigned to its parent, or ancestor.

However, there are exceptions. If you gave the **h1** a border, then its child elements would not inherit the border, because that would look awful if every child element had a border just because you wanted its parent to have one.

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