

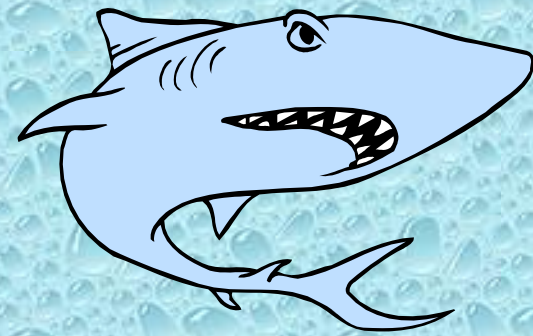
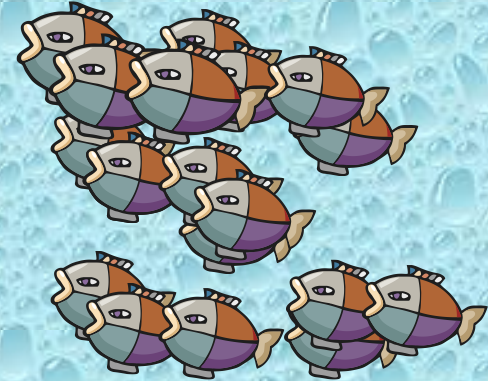
Developing Sentence Skills

Learning Objective

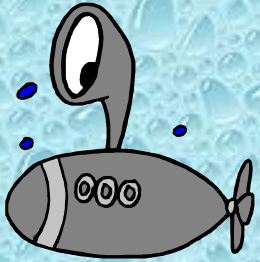
To understand complex sentences.

Key Words

Main Clause
Sub-clause



Starter



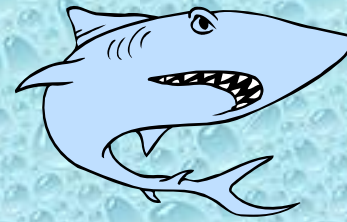
submarine

substitute



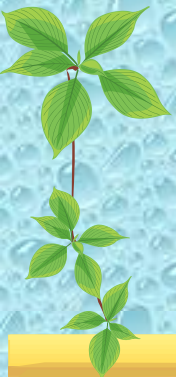
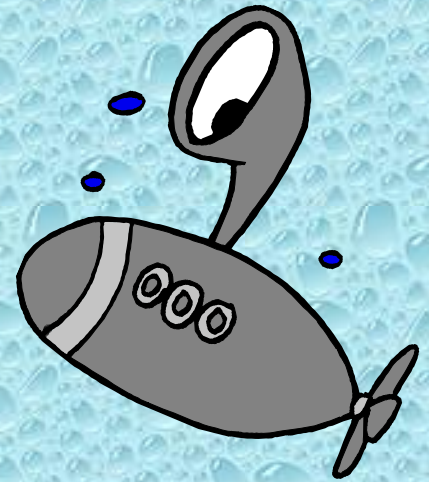
subhuman

'Sub' is a prefix.



This means that we 'fix' it to the start of words to alter their meaning.

If marine means 'water', what does 'submarine' really mean...?



MAIN TASK 1

Now you know what a subordinate clause means, can you identify the subordinate clause in the sentence below? What is the main clause? What is the subordinate clause? What is the subordinate clause? What is the subordinate clause?

Tired from the trek, I sat down to rest.

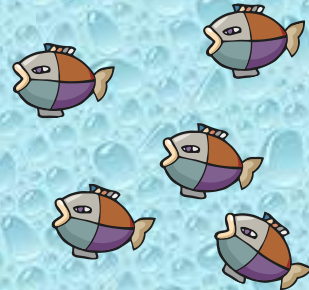




Feeling subdued, I walked along the beach.

I walked along the beach feeling subdued.

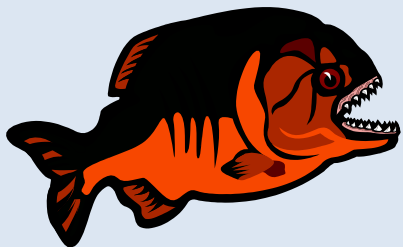
I walked, feeling subdued, along the beach.



Now look at your work sheet.

Use a code to identify the main clause and the sub-clause in each of the sentences.

Remember, the sub-clause won't make sense on its own and adds information to the main clause.



1. The pirate, looking menacing, drew
his sword.

2. Screeching in delight, the parrot
soared over the trees.

3. The boy dug filled with nerves.



Code

Main clause: _____

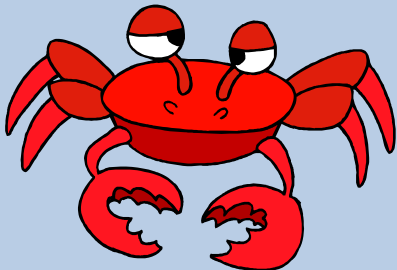
Sub clause: ~~~~~

Now look at your second worksheet.

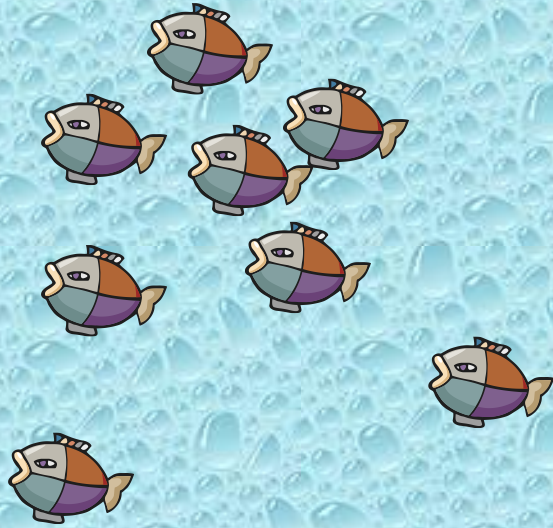
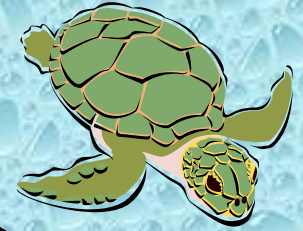
There are 3 sections, A, B and C.

Follow the instructions carefully to learn how to use commas to punctuate your complex sentences.

First of all, you need to know the comma rules...



MAIN TASK 2



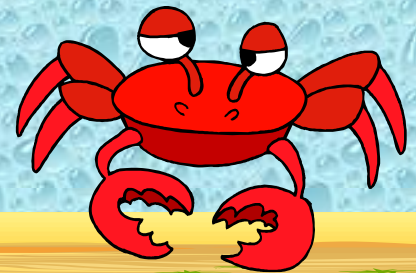
If the sub-clause is first,
I know a lot about
the comma goes next.
clauses. After all,
If the sub-clause is last,
I'm a crab I've got
the comma goes
afterwards...
So, here are the
middle comma rules for
Now I'm off to my hole to
hide!
you...



The pirate, scared of the soldiers, jumped into the sea.

Scared of the soldiers, the pirate jumped into the sea.

The pirate jumped into the sea, scared of the soldiers .



Plenary



1. What is a complex sentence?
2. What is the purpose of a sub-clause?
3. How might complex sentences help you to improve your descriptive writing?

