

Spelling,
Grammar and
Punctuation Booster
Week 4

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Grammar

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Simple sentences – a quick reminder...

- A simple sentence is made up of one clause:

VERB
↓
Mrs Brady ate an apple.
↑
SUBJECT

- A group of words, consisting of a subject and a verb.
- It makes sense as a stand alone sentence.
- Consists of ONE idea.

Compound Sentences

- 2 or more clauses that are equal in status.
- They can make sense on their own as stand alone sentences
- They are joined by words such as: and, but, so, or, yet...



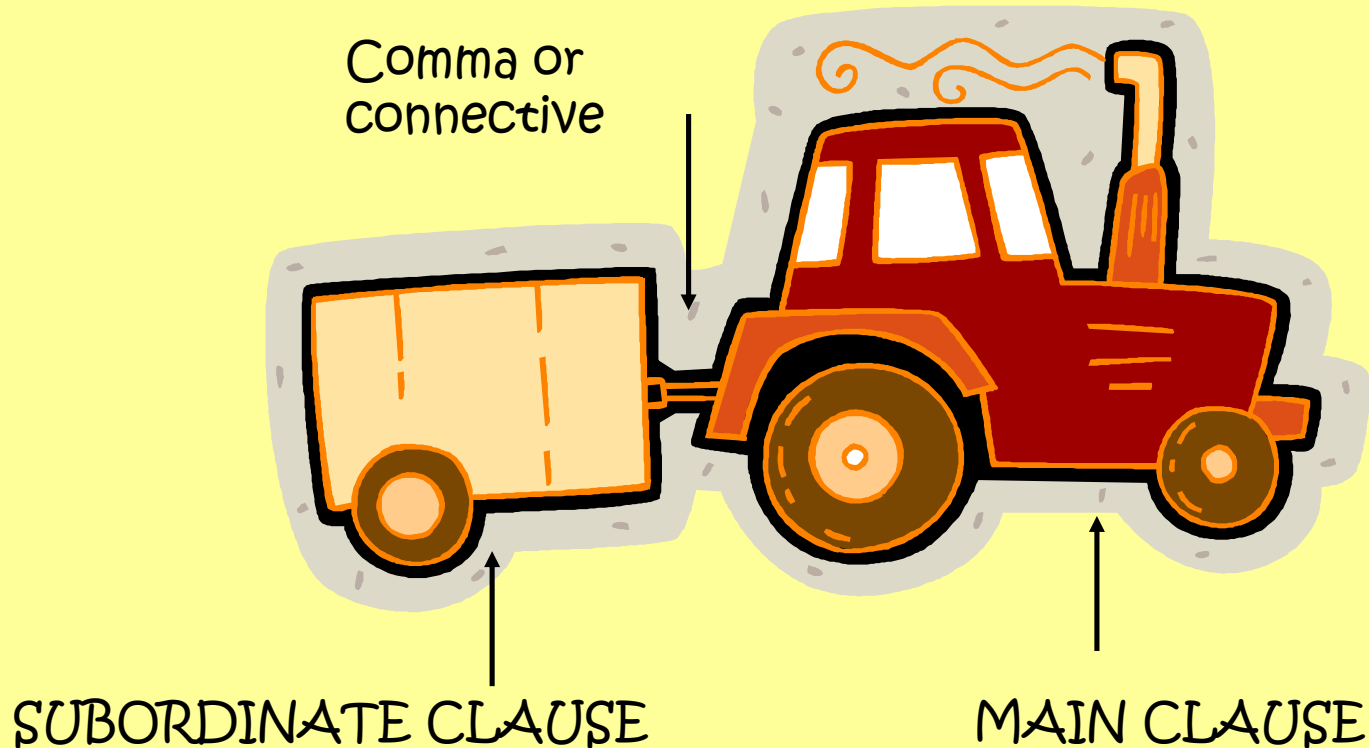
Mrs Brady ate an apple

and

the apple was tasty.

Complex sentences

- Consist of a main clause - it makes sense on its own
- **AND** a subordinate clause - which does not make sense on its own.

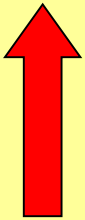


An example:

Although she really wanted a pie,
Mrs Brady ate an apple.

Another example:

Mrs Brady ate an apple, **it wasn't big enough**, she still felt hungry.



The words in red are the subordinate clause. It doesn't make sense on its own.

Connectives

- Main and subordinate clauses are joined together with either a comma or a connective such as:

because

if

that

while

since

whereas

although

where

unless

who


rather than

Be careful!


- Subordinate clauses do not always *follow* the main clause.

Although she felt guilty, Mrs Brady ate another pie.

Subordinate
clause

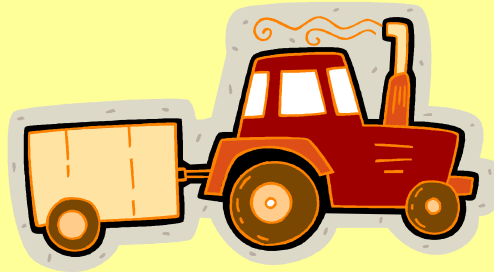


Main clause



To summarise...

- Subordinate Clauses are supported by a main Clause; they cannot make sense alone.
- Subordinate Clauses are linked to main Clauses with connectives or commas.
- The subordinate Clause can follow, be in the middle or in front of the main Clause.



Try making this simple sentence complex...

He fell off his bike.



1. He fell off his bike when...

3. He fell off his bike because...

2. He fell off his bike but...

4. He fell off his bike although...

Now this one...

The ladder wobbled.



1. The ladder wobbled then...

3. The ladder wobbled however...

2. The ladder wobbled whenever...

4. The ladder wobbled while...



Simple sentence.

Ethel put on her helmet.

Complex sentence (why).

In order to protect her head, Ethel put on her helmet.

Complex sentence (when).

While she was waiting for Felix to arrive on his motorbike, Ethel put on her helmet.

Your turn...



Simple sentence.

Stanley slept soundly on the sofa.

Write a complex sentence (why).

Write a complex sentence (when).



Simple sentence.

Herbert wore his new hat.

Write a complex sentence (why).

Write a complex sentence (when).



Simple sentence.

Archibald enjoyed computer games.

Write a complex sentence (why).

Write a complex sentence (when).



Simple sentence.

Cecilia was developing her circus skills.

Write a complex sentence (why).

Write a complex sentence (when).

Punctuation

Colons
And
Semi Colons

A **colon** consists of two dots, one above the other :

A **colon** is often used to introduce a list.

You will need to bring three things to the party: some food, something to drink, and a small gift for the host.

A colon can also be used to introduce an explanation, definition or quote.

I'll tell you what I'm going to do: I'm going to quit.

Elephant: a large grey mammal.

In Scene 5, Romeo states:

"Juliet I love you."

Lastly, the colon can be used to isolate a point for **emphasis**.

There's only one word I can use to describe that, fabulous.

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Re-write these sentences, using a **colon** correctly in each one. You may have to join two sentences together or replace other punctuation.

1. Mrs Anders was late for school. Her bus hadn't turned up.
2. Tom had done all his homework, the maths task had been easy.
3. The recipe called for eggs, sugar, butter, flour, chocolate chips and banana.
4. I know what I'll do. I'll hide!
5. Dog (noun) – a four-legged mammal commonly kept as a pet.

How did you get on?

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A **semi-colon** consists of a
comma with a dot above it ;

A **semi-colon** is often used to join together two connected clauses.

Mary drives a Mercedes; Jo drives a Jaguar.

Elephants live in hot countries; they cool off by bathing.

Add the **semi-colons** to these sentences.

1. The cat was large it was the size of a small dog.

2. Sophie was good she was the best-behaved girl in the class.

3. Leon was adventurous he was always planning expeditions.

4. I like playing in the garden especially when it is sunny.

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Add the **semi-colons** to this passage.

When the gardener looked around the allotment he beheld a wondrous sight. There were runner beans hanging in bunches like grapes the green tufts of carrots sprouting in neat rows a crown of rhubarb on which puddles of rainwater had collected. He couldn't believe how he had grown so many beautiful crops.

How did you do this time?

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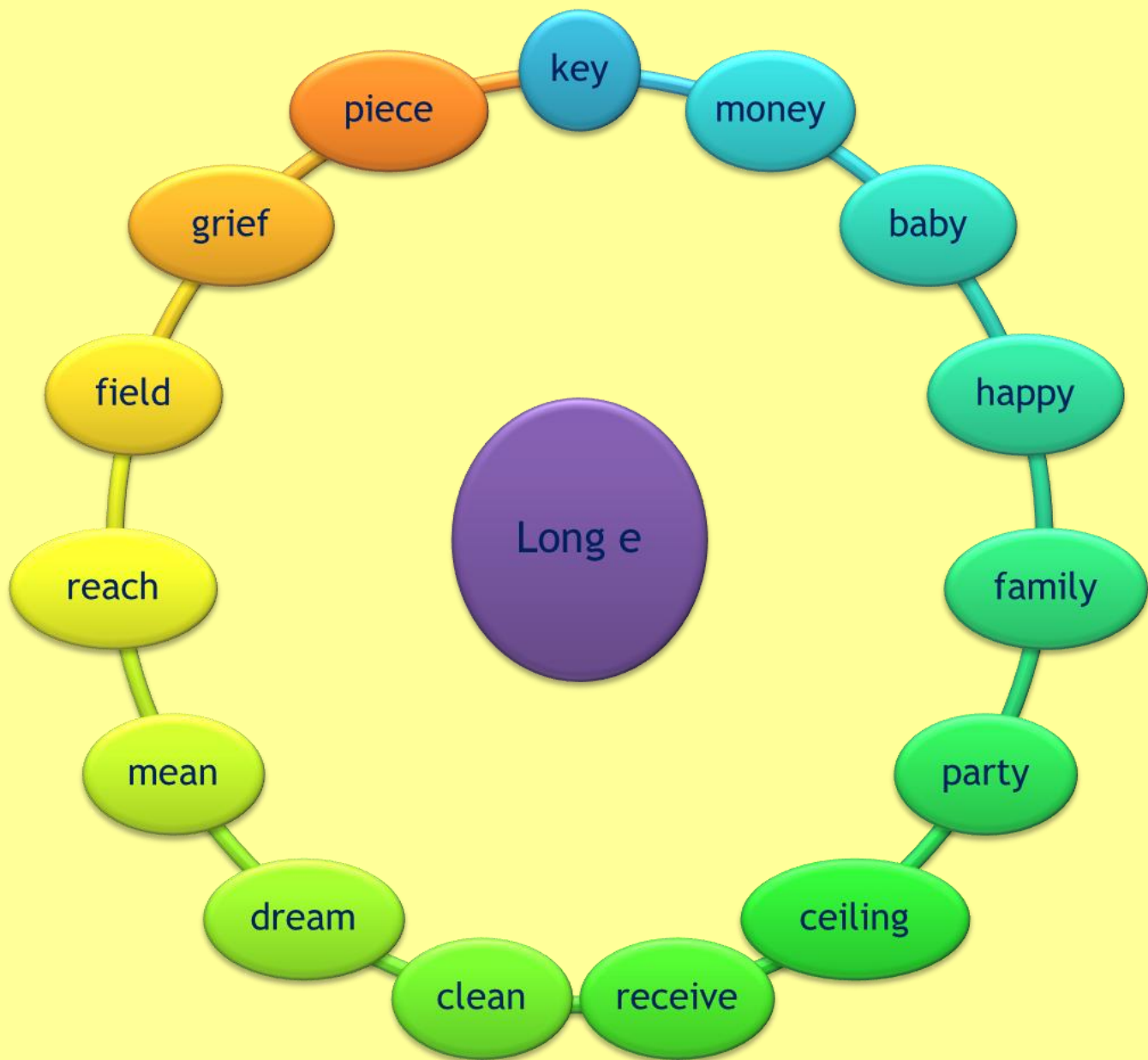
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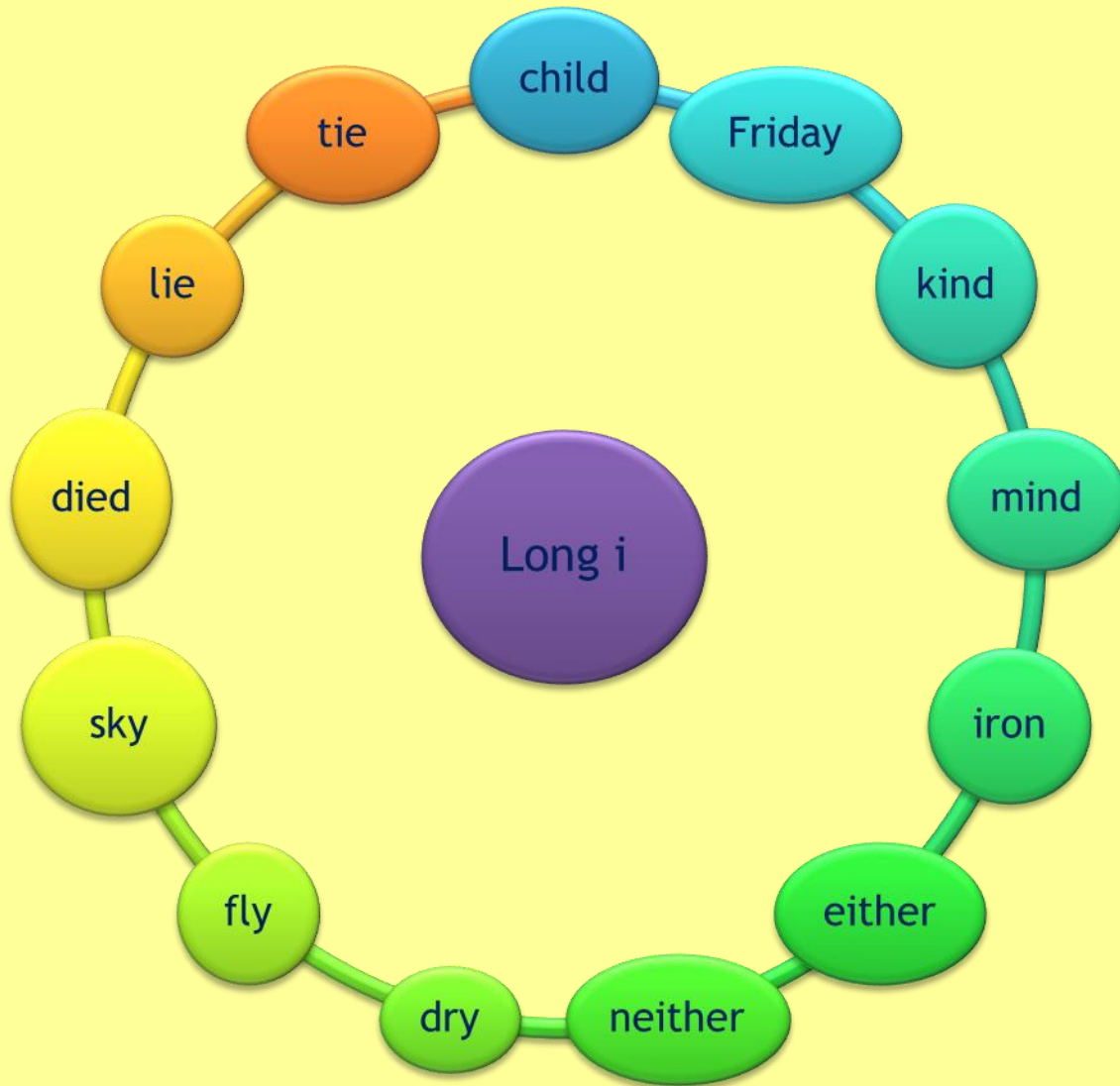
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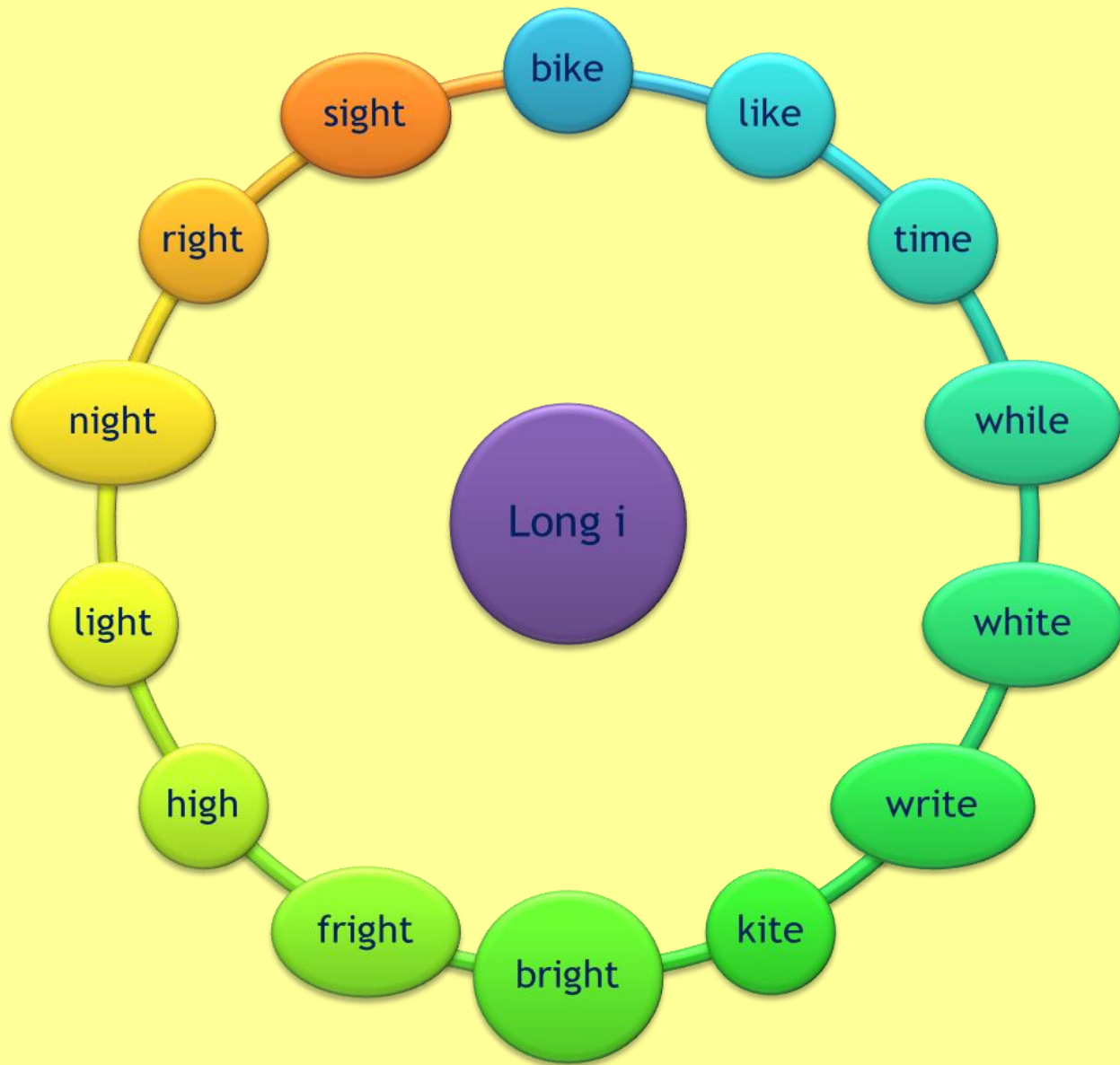
The next few slides are reminders
to help you remember some spellings of words with long vowels sounds.
Try to remember them!

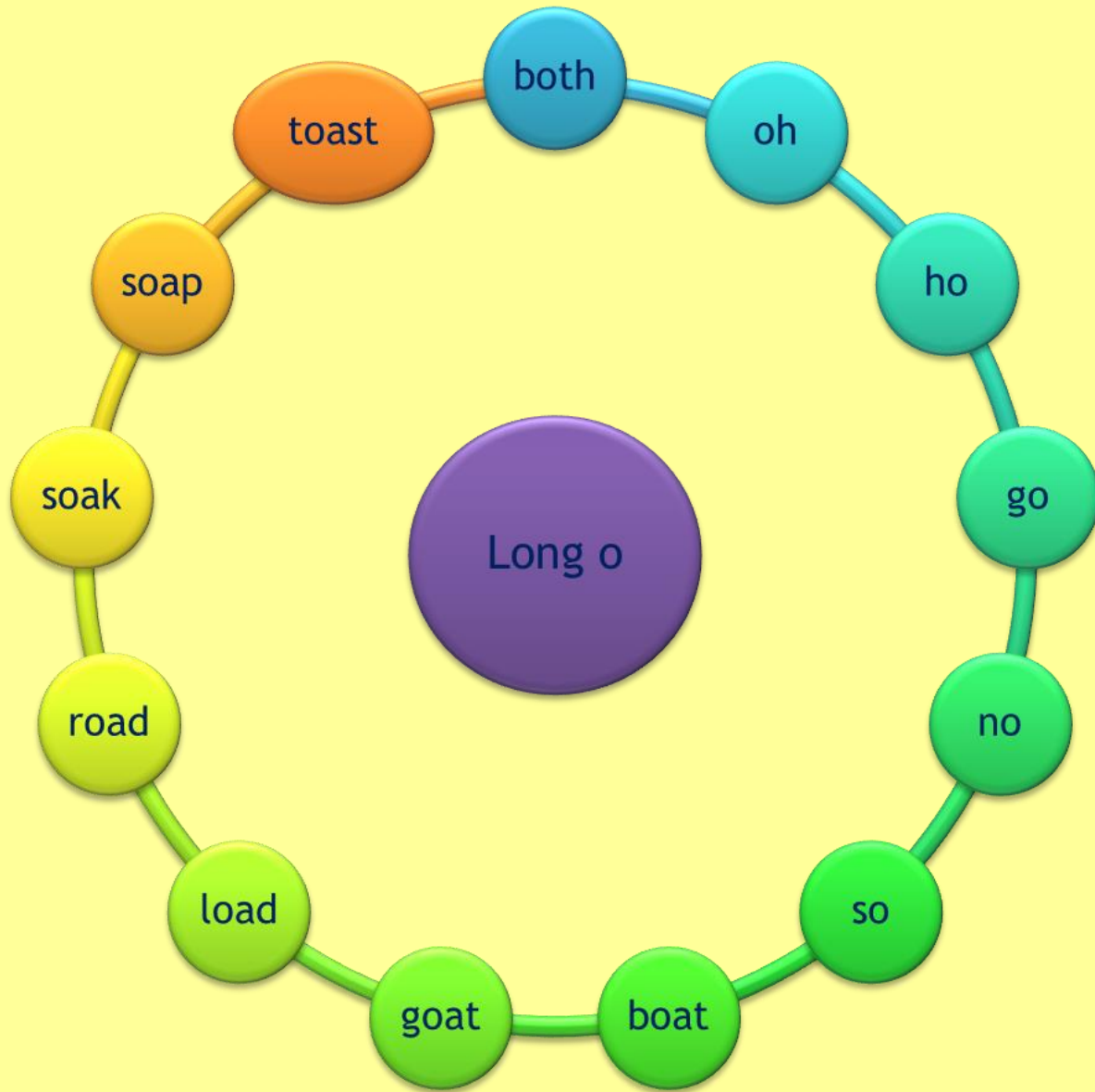


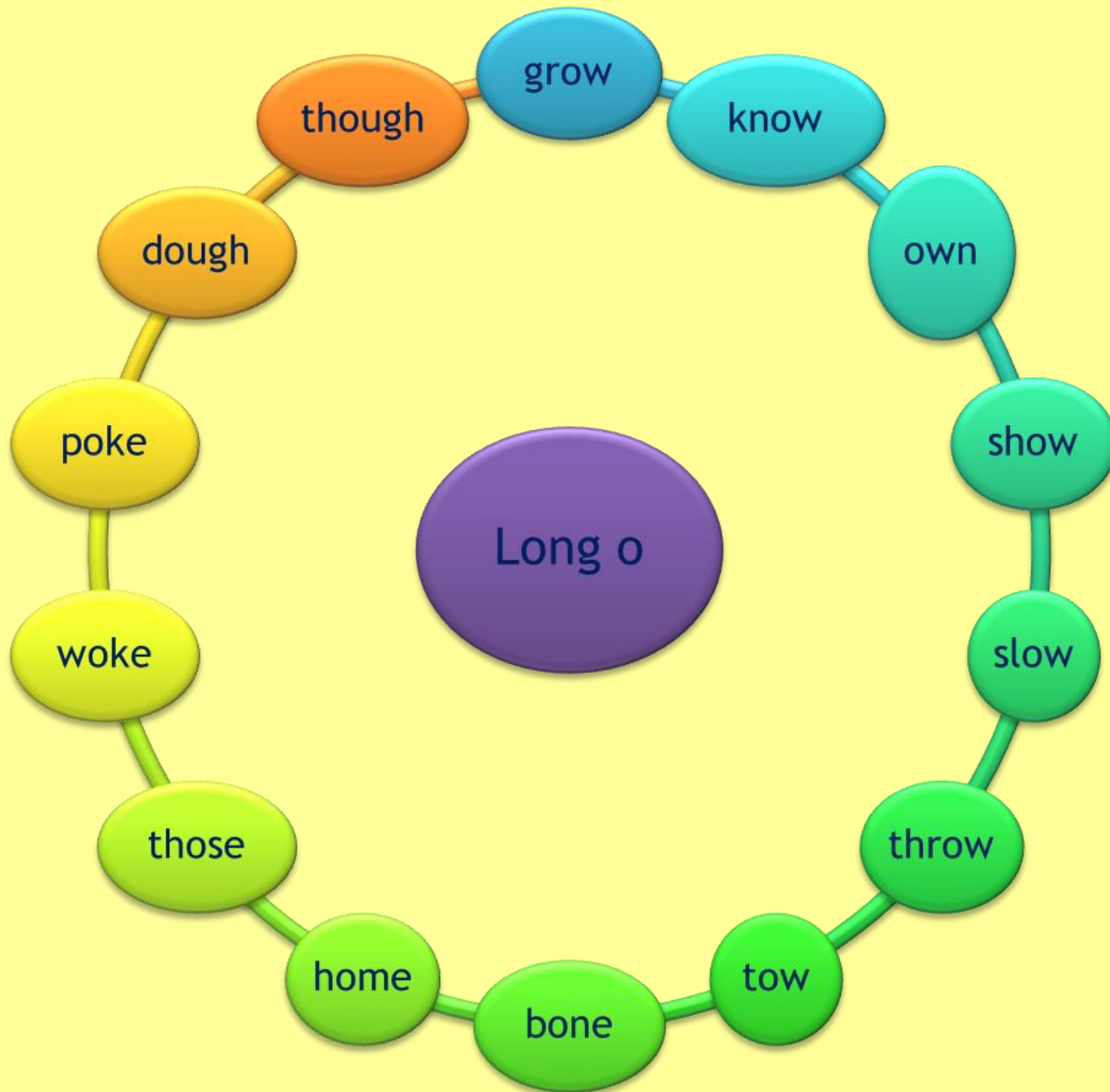






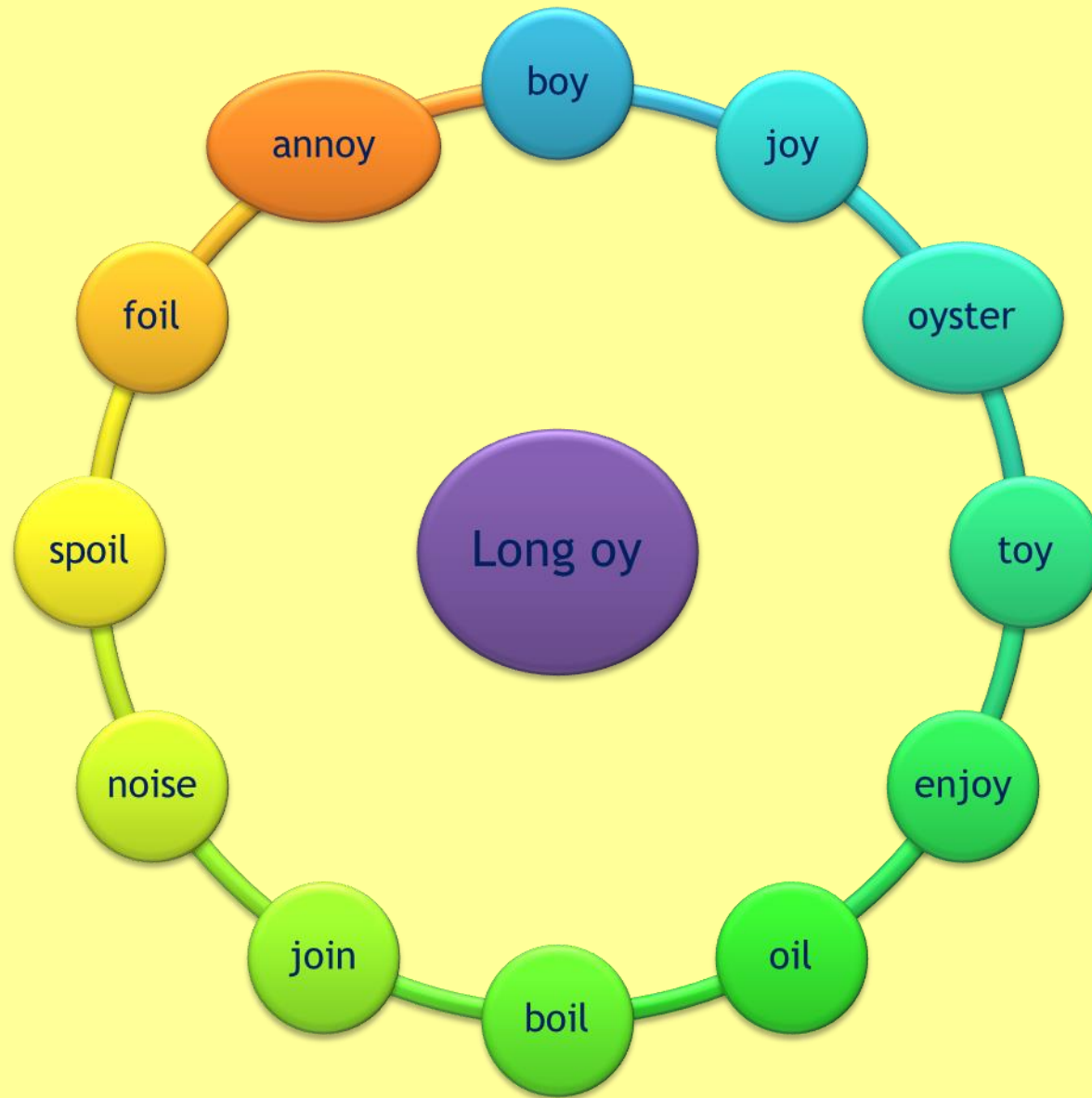












Vocabulary

Comparative

Superlative

Comparative and superlative adjectives show comparison.

Fran was good at sums, Lauren was better, but Chris was the best at sums.

Draw this table in your book and fill in the blanks.

Regular with -er , -est endings			
		Comparative	Superlative
1	fast		fastest
2	small		
3		taller	
4			thinnest
5	big		

Draw this table in your book and fill in the blanks.

Regular with more and most			
		Comparative	Superlative
1			most beautiful
2		more comfortable	
3	generous		
4			most intelligent
5	handsome		

Draw this table in your book and fill in the blanks.

Irregular			
		Comparative	Superlative
1	bad		
2			best
3		less	

Revise

When punctuation is left out,
the meaning changes.



Most of the time travellers
worry about their luggage.

or

Most of the time, travellers
worry about their luggage.



STOP CLUBBING, BABY SEALS

Once again, punctuation makes all the difference ...



Thank You!

Your Donation
Just Helped Someone.
Get a Job.



Let's eat grandpa.

Let's eat, grandpa.

**correct punctuation can
save a person`s life.**

Dear John:

I want a man who knows
what love is all about.

You are generous, kind,
thoughtful.

People who are not like you
admit to being useless and
inferior.

You have ruined me for
other men.

I yearn for you.

I have no feelings
whatsoever when we're
apart.

I can be forever happy.

Will you let me be yours?

Gloria

Dear John:

I want a man who knows
what love is.

All about you are generous,
kind, thoughtful people,
who are not like you.

Admit to being useless and
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You have ruined me.

For other men, I yearn.

For you, I have no feelings
whatsoever.

When we're apart, I can be
forever happy.

Will you let me be?

Yours,

Gloria

or

Copy out this paragraph and put in capital letters, full stops and commas. There are five sentences.

the robber climbed through the window crept up the stairs and peered into the bedroom she called as loudly as she could but no-one could hear her the telephone was not far away yet there was little she could do to reach it she switched on all the lights so the man ran away in a panic the policeman who arrived later told her to put a lock on her window

Copy out this paragraph and put in capital letters, full stops and commas. There are six sentences.

there once was a time when a huge fat and spiky monster lived in the mountains everyone threw spears stones saws and boiling oils at the creature it roared growled spat and groaned but still it did not die a knight appeared wearing bright shining armour and pierced the bear with his special magic sword the huge beast screamed fell to the floor rolled over and died the king rewarded the knight with gold silver diamonds rubies and other precious things