

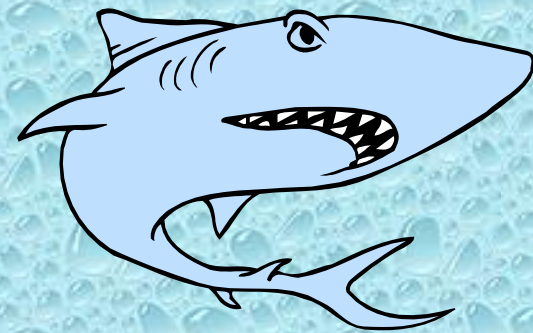
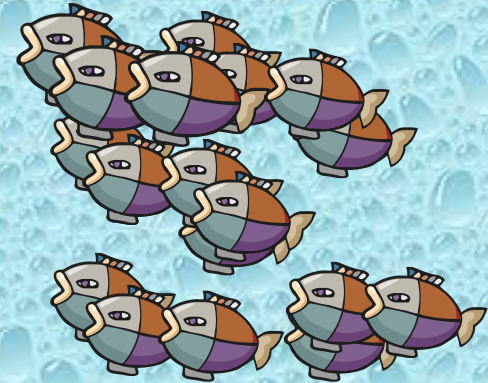
Developing Sentence Skills

Learning Objective

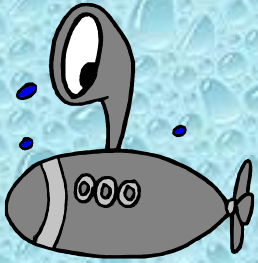
To understand complex sentences.

Key Words

Main Clause
Sub-clause



Starter



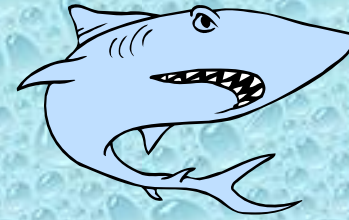
submarine

substitute



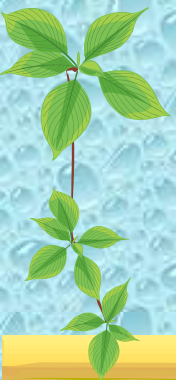
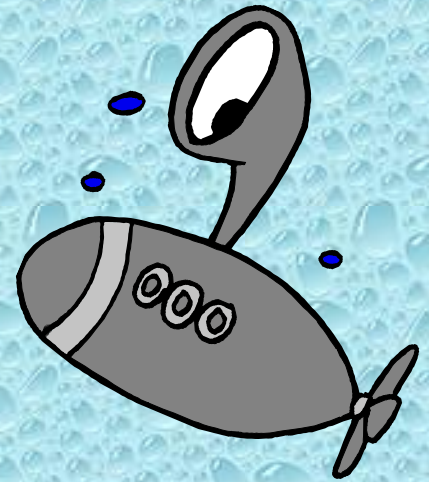
subhuman

'**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 '**sub**marine' really mean...?



MAIN TASK 1

Now think about sentences. A complex sentence has a main clause and a **sub**ordinate clause or a **sub**-clause for short.

Now you know what 'sub' means, can you work out which part of this sentence is the **sub**-clause and which part is the main clause?

Tired from the trek, I sat down to rest.





Feeling subdued, I walked along the beach.

I walked along the beach feeling subdued.

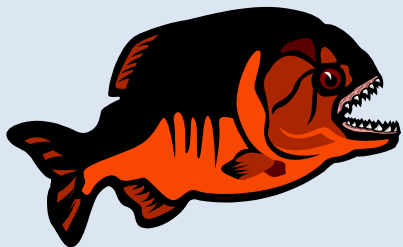
I walked, feeling subdued, along the beach.



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: _____

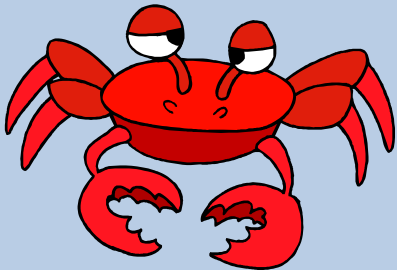
Sub clause: ~~~~~

Now look at your second worksheet.

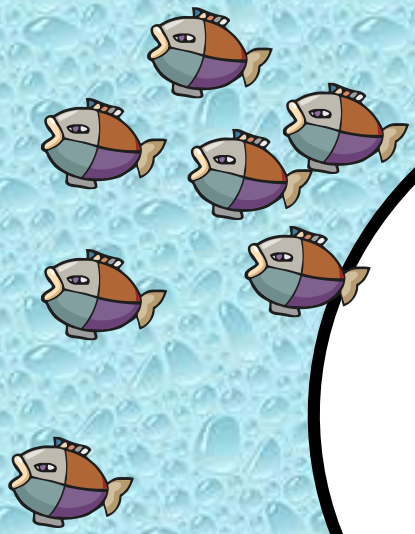
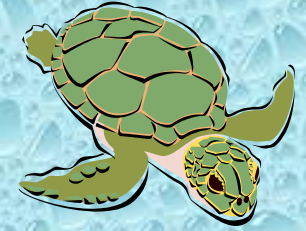
There are 3 sections, A, B and C.

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

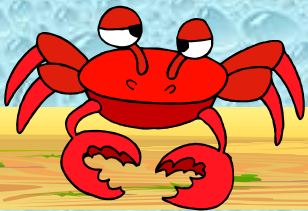
A group of six small, colorful fish (purple, orange, and grey) swimming in the upper left area of the image.

I know a lot about clauses. After all, I'm a crab - I've got two claws myself... So, here are the comma rules for you...

If the sub-clause is first, the comma goes next.

If the sub-clause is last, the comma goes afterwards.

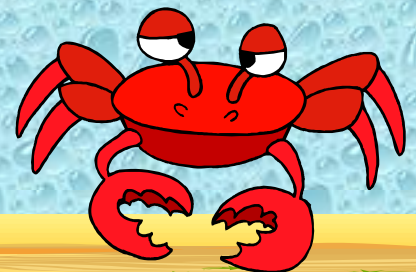
If the sub-clause is in the middle, comma either side,
Now I'm off to my hole to hide!



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?

