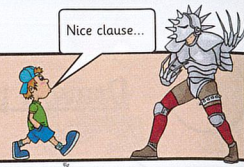


Commas After Subordinate Clauses



Use a **comma** to separate a **main clause** from a **subordinate clause** in a sentence — but only when the **subordinate clause** comes **first**.

While I'm at the gym, I listen to my music.

The **main clause** makes sense on its own. It's the **most important** part of a sentence.

You don't need a **comma** if the subordinate clause is at the **end** of a sentence.

I listen to my music while I'm at the gym.

A **subordinate clause** doesn't make sense on its own. It's **less important** than the main clause.

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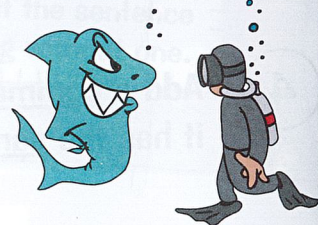
Add commas in the correct places in the sentences below.

As I got on the bus I dropped my bag.

Although I am scared of sharks I love visiting the aquarium.

Once I'd finished eating I started reading my new book.

Rather than going out we stayed in and watched a film.



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Underline the subordinate clauses and add commas where needed.

While you were distracted I swapped our plates.

You can go to the party as long as you wear something sensible.

Now that you've told me that everything makes much more sense.

Until we've found the solution we'll keep trying to work it out.

I'll come and help you as soon as I can.

Since we're all here I'd like to tell you something.