Embedded Clauses and Commas
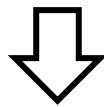
An embedded clause adds information to a sentence. It adds information by 'sandwiching' it into the sentence:

We use a comma followed by the word who, which, that or with to introduce an embedded clause.
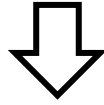
Example 1:

The ferocious dog barked noisily through the hole in the fence.

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The ferocious dog, who was trying to scare away the burglars, barked noisily through the hole in the fence.

The cloaked man sat in the corner of the dank room.

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The cloaked man**,** who has a voice as deep as thunder**,** sat in the corner of the dank room.

The barren landscape was a lonely place to be.

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The barren landscape**,** with only a few sheep visible on the horizon**,** was a lonely place to be.

Have a go at adding an embedded clause into each of the following sentences. Don't forget to use commas correctly!

1. The young girl skipped happily through the woods.

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2. The haggard old lady struggled her way across the road.

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3. The courageous dog chased the criminal five miles down the road.

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4. Mrs McLeod was eating her dinner.

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5. The venomous spider scuttled across the market.

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6. I thought that my friend would feel the same way.

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7. The gruff old man strode past purposefully and disappeared down the road.

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