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Note for adults

Help your child to identify the main clauses in these sentences.

It's complex!

- Complex sentences have a main clause plus at least one other. The main clause makes sense by itself. Sometimes the main clause is split, usually when the extra clause is telling us more. When this happens we use commas to separate each chunk of meaning. For example:

The man, while waiting for the bus, **sat reading the paper**.

main clause

- Insert commas into these sentences then underline the main clause:

In 1953 two scientists James Watson and Francis Crick discovered the structure of DNA.

James Watson an American who was born in Chicago in 1928 came to England to work at Cambridge University.

DNA full name deoxyribonucleic acid is the substance inside each cell in our bodies which makes us who we are.

Following their discovery Francis Crick continued to work in genetics and then moved into brain research, becoming a professor at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in California.

Decades later in the age of genetic engineering the full importance of their discovery became apparent.

Forensic scientists use DNA testing otherwise known as genetic fingerprinting to identify criminals using samples of blood hair skin or saliva collected from a crime scene.

DNA is divided into units called genes each of which carries the instructions for making up a part of our body.

Our DNA is a mix of our parents' DNA half coming from our mother and half from our father which explains why we are similar but not identical to our parents.

Scientists know that some illnesses are caused by defective DNA or faulty genes and are working on ways of replacing those genes.

Self-evaluation

How hard I worked: _____