**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to use a range of subordinating conjunctions to write multi-clause (complex) sentences about sunstar starfish.

**Challenge 1**

**Using link lines, match each subordinate clause to the correct main clause.**

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| Although five-arm varieties of starfish are the most common, |  | the snorkeler was in extreme pain. |
| Because the seawater was polluted, |  | a starfish pushes its stomach out through its mouth. |
| After standing on a sea urchin, |  | hundreds of dead starfish littered the seabed. |
| Whenever it wants to feed, |  | species with 10, 20 and even 40 arms exist. |
| Even though starfish have a single eye at the end of each arm, |  | starfish have no brain or blood in their bodies. |
| Although they can feel and make decisions, |  | they are unable to see colour. |

**The Starfish Story**

One day, a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking up and gently throwing things into the sand.

Approaching the boy, he asked: “Young man, what are you doing?”

The boy replied, “Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don’t throw them back, they’ll die.”

The man laughed to himself and said, “Do you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can’t make a difference.”

After listening politely, the boy bent down and picked up another starfish and threw it into the surf, then smiling at the man, he said; “I made a difference to that one.”

- Loren Eisleley

**Challenge 2**

**Copy and complete each sentence by writing a main clause.**

1. Although the crab tore off the starfish’s arm, …
2. When the scavengers saw the octopus’s corpse, …
3. Because it has supersensitive tubed feet, …
4. If a sea urchin fears that it is under attack, …

**Challenge 3**

**Once you have read the Starfish Story,**

**write a letter to the boy to say how much you appreciated his actions and why you are so fascinated by starfish yourself. See if you can include at least four different subordinating conjunctions and some of the descriptive words from the Word Wall.**

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severed limb

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provided that

super sensitive

corpse

dustbin lid-sized

aggressive

ferocious predator

urchin

**Word Wall**