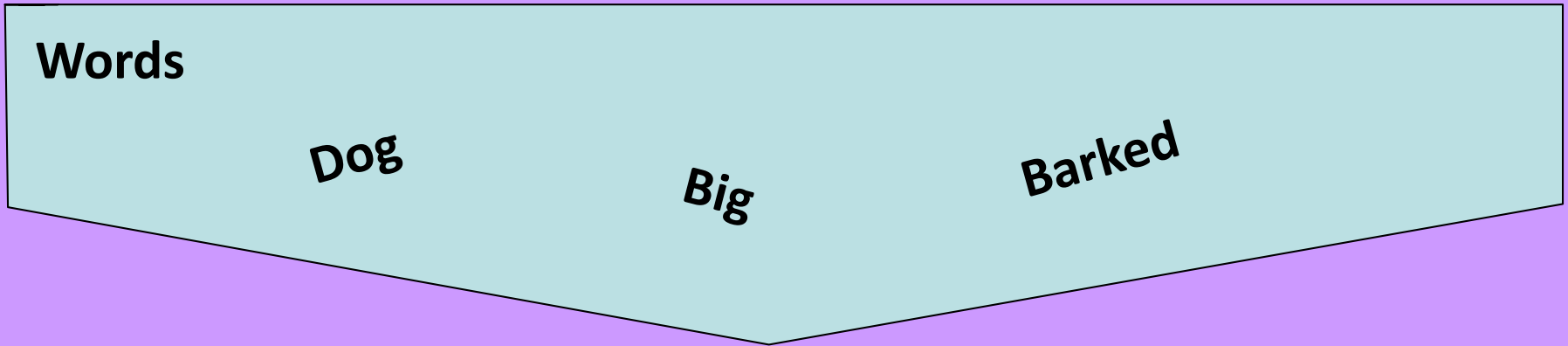


# Sentences and Meaning

How we use commas for clauses!

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# Chunks of Meaning



- Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Adverbs

# Chunks of Meaning

## Phrases

*in the garden*

*was barking*

*the big dog*

- Words go together to make phrases
- Phrases don't make sense on their own

# Chunks of Meaning

## Clauses



At midnight last Wednesday, the big dog was barking rather wistfully, in the garden behind my house.

- Words and phrases go together to make clauses
- A clause must **always** have a verb in
- It may also have other chunks, but as long as there's only one verb (or verb chain) it's a single clause
- Clauses can be put together to make compound or complex sentences.

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# So what about the commas

## Sentences

At midnight last Wednesday, the big dog was barking rather wistfully, in the garden behind my house.

- Only one part of the sentence make sense on its own – which part?

## Sentences

I was really cold, but I didn't want to get out of bed for another blanket.

- Two parts of the sentence make sense on their own – which parts?

# Commas can also affect meaning

## Sentence

Slow, children crossing.

- Go slowly there are children crossing the road.

## Sentence

Slow children crossing.

- This is just describing that there are a group of slow children crossing something.



# Which is correct?

Eats shoots and leaves.



Eats, shoots and leaves.



# Let's Practice

**Our teacher Mrs Happy likes giraffes a lot.**

**The human body is a fantastic thing which we really take for granted but should really take more care of.**

**School is fun most of the time but can sometimes be boring.**

**The man ran down the hallway not noticing the people behind him.**

**When you go to sleep you sometimes have dreams that can turn into nightmares.**

**She looked around wondering if anyone was following her when she saw a shadow behind her.**