Answers 3.8

1. **Find the average amount paid by the top 5 customers.**

Copy the query you wrote in step 3 of the task from [Exercise 3.7: Joining Tables of Data](https://careerfoundry.com/en/course/data-immersion/exercise/joining-tables-data#task) into the Query Tool. This will be your subquery, so give it an alias, “total\_amount\_paid,” and add parentheses around it.

Write an outer statement to calculate the average amount paid.

Add your subquery to the outer statement. It will go in either the SELECT, WHERE, or FROM clause. (Hint: When referring to the subquery in your outer statement, make sure to use the subquery’s alias, “total\_amount\_paid”.)

If you've done everything correctly, pgAdmin 4 will require you to add an alias after the subquery. Go ahead and call it “average”.

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2. **Find out how many of the top 5 customers are based within each country.**

Your final output should include 3 columns:

* “country”
* “all\_customer\_count” with the total number of customers in each country
* “top\_customer\_count” showing how many of the top 5 customers live in each country

You'll notice that this step is quite difficult. We’ve broken down each part and provided you with some helpful hints below:

1. Copy the query from step 3 of task 3.7 into the Query Tool and add parentheses around it. This will be your inner query.
2. Write an outer statement that counts the number of customers living in each country. You’ll need to refer to your entity relationship diagram or data dictionary in order to do this. The information you need is in different tables, so you'll have to use a join. To get the count for each country, use COUNT(DISTINCT) and GROUP BY. Give your second column the alias “all\_customer\_count” for readability.
3. Place your inner query in the outer query. Since you want to merge the entire output of the outer query with the information from your inner query, use a left join to connect the two queries on the “country” column.
4. Add a left join after your outer query, followed by the subquery in parentheses.
5. Give your subquery an alias so you can refer to it in your outer query, for example, “top\_5\_customers”.
6. Remember to specify which columns to join the two tables on using ON. Both ON and the column names should follow the alias.
7. Count the top 5 customers for the third column using GROUP BYand COUNT (DISTINCT). Give this column the alias “top\_customer\_count”.

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1. Write 1 to 2 short paragraphs on the following:
   * Do you think steps 1 and 2 could be done without using subqueries?
   * When do you think subqueries are useful?

The first step could be done without a subquery, but it would have been detailed as well. You would need to use HAVE and aggregation.

The second step, however, could not be done without using a subquery because it involved combining multiple tables.

It seems to me that subqueries are useful when you need to combine multiple steps together. They are useful because they allow you to not have to create a new table. They are also used for when the information in part of the query may change often, subqueries will allow the results to automatically change with them.