

## SUBQUERY BASICS

A subquery is a query nested within a main query, and is typically used for solving a problem in multiple steps.

Example: Return all countries that have an above average score

Step 1: Calculate the average happiness score

```
SELECT AVG(happiness_score)
FROM happiness_score;
```

AVG(happiness_score)
5.4400624

Step 2: Return all rows with a happiness score greater than the first query result

```
SELECT *
FROM happiness_score
WHERE happiness_score > (SELECT AVG(happiness_score)
FROM happiness_score);
```

Diagram: A main query (SELECT \* FROM happiness\_score WHERE happiness\_score > ...) contains a subquery (SELECT AVG(happiness\_score) FROM happiness\_score). An arrow points from the label "main query" to the main query, and another arrow points from the label "subquery" to the subquery.

Year	Country	Region	happiness-Score
2015	Algeria	North Africa	5.605
2015	Argentina	Latin America	6.574
2015	Australia	Oceania	7.284
2015	Austria	Western Europe	7.200

\* the subquery is run first, before the main query