

## relative clauses: defining and non-defining

1. Fill in the following sentences with the appropriate **Relative Pronoun: who, which, where, whose, when.**

- a. I was born in 1936, **when** the Civil War started.
- b. I know an exciting place \_\_\_\_\_ you and your boyfriend can go on holidays.
- c. He is the guy \_\_\_\_\_ car is parked in front of your house.
- d. The woman \_\_\_\_\_ lives here is always complaining.
- e. The flat he's rented, \_\_\_\_\_ is in central London, is really expensive.

2. Join each pair of sentences using the relative pronoun in brackets.

- a. Mary is having a child. She lives two flats away from us. (who)

**Mary, who lives two flats away from us, is having a child.**

- b. Torre vieja is a very cosmopolitan town. We've lived there for three years. (where)

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- c. The film was really interesting. We saw it last Saturday. (which)

\_\_\_\_\_

- d. Maria is a very charming girl. Her brother is a friend of mine. (whose)

\_\_\_\_\_

- e. Two years ago we bought a house. We got married then. (when)

\_\_\_\_\_

- f. Mr Smedley introduced me to his son. He is my boss. (who)

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- g. John Ash is a policeman. His wife was at the party last night. (whose)

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- h. Robert is going to get married. He is a lawyer. (who)

\_\_\_\_\_

- i. Our new car has broken down again. We bought the car only last month. (which)

\_\_\_\_\_

- j. We stayed in Mary's place. It is in a small village in the south of England. (which)

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- k. Lucas is my best friend. I have known Lucas since I was a child. (who)

\_\_\_\_\_

- l. Next weekend I'm going to Madrid. My brother has been living there for the past two years. (where)

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m. Mary Stuart is in my class at school. Mary Stuart's father is a famous footballer. (whose)

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3. Study the examples

John is the friend who I wrote to.

(I wrote to John)

John is the friend who phoned me.

(John phoned me)

a. In which of these sentences is **who** the subject of the clause? \_\_\_\_\_

b. In which sentence is **who** the object? \_\_\_\_\_

c. In which sentence can we leave out **who**? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Add **who (that)** or **which (that)** to these sentences, but only where necessary:

a. Is that the woman/ you told me about?

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b. Is that the girl/ wrote to you?

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c. The car/ my brother bought wasn't expensive.

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d. Alex was the man/ you met last week.

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e. I had a coffee with the boy/ lives next door.

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f. Did you see the Italian film/ was on TV last night?

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g. What's the name of the man/ we met yesterday?

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h. What's the name of the man/ sold you the car?

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i. Have you seen the letter/ was on the table?

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j. Have you seen the letter/ I put on the table?

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k. The woman/ Steve spoke to on the phone was Mrs Allen.

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l. The woman/ answered the phone was Mrs Allen.

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m. Those are the trousers/ I bought yesterday.

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n. I had a coffee with the girl/ lives next door.

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o. I've lost the pens/ I bought this morning.

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5 Join these sentences with **who**, **which**, **where** or **whose**. Use commas where necessary:

a. That's the student. She won the competition prize.

**That's the student who won the competition prize.**

b. Sharon is my best friend. I've known her for a long time.

**Sharon, who I've known for a long time, is my best friend.**

c. The theatre is about 200 metres from my house. It is the oldest building in town.

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d. I picked up the papers. They were lying on the pavement.

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e. My grandparents still live in the village. I was born there.

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f. The bar is open all night. We've had lunch there.

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