

# UNIT 1. RELATIVE CLAUSES

## Relative clauses

### 1 Choose the correct alternatives.

That's the teacher **who** / **whose** taught me Italian last year.

- Is this the art homework **where** / **which** we have to do tonight?
- A single-sex school is a place **when** / **where** the students are all boys or all girls.
- There's the new girl **whose** / **who** name I can't remember.
- Tomorrow's the day **which** / **when** I give my presentation to the whole class.
- Is that the teacher **whose** / **who** gives you a lot of homework?
- Where's the uniform **who** / **which** you have to wear to school?
- Is this the room **where** / **which** we'll have our English exams?
- Are these the books **who** / **which** we are supposed to read?

### 2 Match 1-7 with A-G to form complete sentences.

- Jessica was a good student  D
- There's the book \_\_\_\_\_
- Is this the pen \_\_\_\_\_
- July is the time \_\_\_\_\_
- Where's the boy \_\_\_\_\_
- That's the classroom \_\_\_\_\_
- That was the day \_\_\_\_\_

- when we usually go on holiday.
- that you lent me yesterday?
- when I was really late for school.
- ~~who always got excellent results.~~
- which I borrowed from the library.
- who usually sits beside you in English?
- where I go for my science lessons.

### 3 Complete the sentences. Use *who*, *which*, *when*, *where* or *whose*.

Is that the course *which* you went on last summer?

- Is he the boy \_\_\_\_\_ Sue fancies?
- This is the computer \_\_\_\_\_ I use for my homework.
- That's the boy \_\_\_\_\_ sister is a pop star.
- I remember the time \_\_\_\_\_ I failed an English exam.
- Here's the DVD \_\_\_\_\_ I watched last night. It was great!
- The village \_\_\_\_\_ we live is really peaceful.

## Defining relative clauses

### 4 Put the words in the correct order.

always / bad behaviour / Mr Brown / a / who / strict teacher / punishes / is

Mr Brown is a strict teacher *who* always punishes bad behaviour.

- she / us / gave / the homework / was / which / really difficult  
\_\_\_\_\_
- the school football pitch / is / meet / the place / we / where  
\_\_\_\_\_
- work / hard / results / the best / students / get / who  
\_\_\_\_\_
- remember / when / I / the day / the test / passed / I  
\_\_\_\_\_
- really boring / whose / is / the teacher / lessons / that / are  
\_\_\_\_\_
- the most / history / the subject / is / I / which / enjoy  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Non-defining relative clauses

### 5 Complete the sentences. Use *who*, *which*, *where*, *when* or *whose*.

That girl, *whose* parents are both teachers, is very intelligent.

- That boy over there, \_\_\_\_\_ I really like, left school last year.
- The coursebook, \_\_\_\_\_ you recommended, is really useful.
- The classroom, \_\_\_\_\_ I study French, needs a good clean.
- We studied Spanish last year, \_\_\_\_\_ was useful for our holiday.
- Those girls, \_\_\_\_\_ are always top of the class, are really clever.
- We used the website, \_\_\_\_\_ you told us about, for our homework.
- Mr Ellis, \_\_\_\_\_ daughter is in my class, is my new science teacher.
- This week, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm on holiday, I'm going to study really hard.

## Defining relative clauses

### 6 Correct the sentences.

This is the college **when** I study art in the evenings.

*This is the college where I study art in the evenings.*

1 I remember the day **which** I started university.

2 Those are the children **who** parents educate them at home.

3 This is the science lab **when** the explosion happened.

4 This is the coursework **when** I have to finish tomorrow.

5 I met a boy on holiday **he** could speak five languages.

6 This is the library **I** where did my revision.

7 That's the woman, **whose** brother is a famous actor.

8 Is this the university **that** your sister studied law?

## Non-defining relative clauses

### 7 Join the sentences to make non-defining relative clauses.

This classroom is very cold. I study art here.

*This classroom, where I study art, is very cold.*

1 Ali found his final exams easy. He had done lots of revision.

2 Anna goes to the same college as me. She's very good at maths.

3 The sports course is very expensive. I want to take it next year.

4 This room is quite dark. I work on my computer here.

5 My friends had a party. They had finished their exams.

6 This research shows that boys learn in a different way from girls. It is very important.

## who / whose / who's

### 8 Complete the sentences. Use *who*, *who's* or *whose*.

*Whose* bag is this under my desk?

1 Do you know anyone \_\_\_\_\_ been to the Autónoma University in Madrid?

2 Juan is the student in my class \_\_\_\_\_ always fails his English test.

3 She's the student \_\_\_\_\_ mother does all her homework for her.

4 There's a student in my Spanish class \_\_\_\_\_ can speak two other languages.

5 That's the boy \_\_\_\_\_ going out with the new girl in my class.

6 My sister, \_\_\_\_\_ boyfriend is also really clever, is going to study medicine.

## Defining and non-defining relative clauses

### 9 Cross out the relative pronoun if it is not necessary.

Is this the book **which** you used to help you with your essay?

1 The boys, **who** had performed very well, were given top marks.

2 She's the girl **who** I met on holiday.

3 Have you decided **which** university to go to yet?

4 Children **whose** parents are teachers don't always get the highest marks.

5 He's the teacher **who** I told you about.

6 Here's the book **which** you were looking for.

### 10 Decide if the sentences are defining (*D*) or non-defining (*ND*). Add commas if necessary.

My father, **who** believes everyone has to learn a foreign language, speaks English fluently. ND

1 The woman **who** lives next door to me is a French teacher. \_\_\_\_\_

2 That's the shop **where** I buy all my text books. \_\_\_\_\_

3 The museum **which** we visited last week was very boring. \_\_\_\_\_

4 There's the boy **who** won the English prize last year. \_\_\_\_\_

5 My best friend **who** was in my class last year has left school. \_\_\_\_\_

6 Sarah **whose** older sister is at university is in my geography class. \_\_\_\_\_

## ANSWERS

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| 1. WHICH | 5. WHO   |
| 2. WHERE | 6. SHICH |
| 3. WHOSE | 7. WHERE |
| 4. WHEN  | 8. WHICH |

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| E | F |
| B | G |
| A | C |

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| 1. WHO   | 4. WHEN  |
| 2. WHICH | 5. WHICH |
| 3. WHOSE | 6. WHERE |

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1. THE HOMEWORK WHICH SHE GAVE US WAS REALLY DIFFICULT
2. THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL PITCH IS THE PLACE WHERE WE MEET
3. STUDENTS WHO WORK HARD GET THE BEST RESULTS
4. I REMEMBER THE DAY WHEN I PASSED THE TEST
5. THAT IS THE TEACHER WHOSE LESSONS ARE REALLY BORING.
6. HISTORY IS THE SUBJECT WHICH I ENJOY THE MOST  
THE SUBJECT WHICH I ENJOY THE MOST IS HISTORY

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| 1. WHO   | 5. WHO   |
| 2. WHICH | 6. WHICH |
| 3. WHERE | 7. WHOSE |
| 4. WHICH | 8. WHEN  |

6.-

1. I REMEMBER THE DAY WHEN I STARTED UNIVERSITY
2. THOSE ARE THE CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS EDUCATE THEM AT HOME
3. THIS IS THE SCIENCE LAB WHERE THE EXPLOSION HAPPENED
4. THIS IS THE COURSEWORK WHICH I HAVE TO FINISH TOMORROW

5. I MET A BOY ON HOLIDAY WHO COULD SPEAK FIVE LANGUAGES
6. THIS IS THE LIBRARY WHERE I DID MY REVISION
7. THAT'S THE WOMAN HOSE BROTHER IS A FAMOUS ACTOR
8. IS THIS THE UNIVERSITY WHERE YOUR BROTHER STUDIED LAW?

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1. ALI, WHO HAD DONE LOTS OF REVISION, FOUND HIS FINAL EXAM EASY  
ALI, WHO FOUND HIS FINAL EXAMS EASY, HAD DONE LOTS OF REVISION
2. ANNA, WHO'S VERY GOOD AT MATHS, GOES TO THE SAME COLLEGE AS ME.  
ANNA, WHO GOES TO THE SAME COLLEGE AS ME, IS VERY GOOD AT MATHS.
3. THE SPORTS COURSE, WHICH I WANT TO TAKE NEXT YEAR, IS VERY EXPENSIVE.
4. THIS ROOM, WHERE I WORK ON MY COMPUTER, IS QUITE DARK.
5. MY FRIENDS, WHO HAD FINISHED THEIR EXAMS, HAD A PARTY.
6. THIS RESEARCH, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT, SHOWS THAT BOYS LEARN IN A DIFFERENT WAY FROM GIRLS.  
THIS RESEARCH WHICH SHOWS THAT BOYS LEARN IN A DIFFERENT WAY FROM GIRLS, IS VERY IMPORTANT.

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| 1. WHO'S | 4. WHO   |
| 2. WHO   | 5. SHO'S |
| 3. WHOSE | 6. WHOSE |

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| 1. Necessary     | 4. Necessary     |
| 2. Not necessary | 5. Not necessary |
| 3. Necessary     | 6. Not necessary |

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| 1. D  | 4. D  |
| 2. D  | 5. ND |
| 3. ND | 6. ND |