

Non-defining Relative Clauses

who / which / whose / where (with commas)

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Non-defining = extra info in commas. NEVER use 'that'. Use who (people), which (things), where (places).

1 Choose who or which

EASY

Choose who or which (never 'that').

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| 1. My sister, ____ lives in Paris, is visiting. | 2. The Eiffel Tower, ____ was built in 1889... |
| 3. My boss, ____ I respect a lot, promoted me. | 4. The new law, ____ passed last month, affects all. |
| 5. My grandfather, ____ was a sailor, travelled widely. | 6. The film, ____ won three Oscars, is on streaming. |
| 7. London, ____ I visited last summer, is wonderful. | 8. Her novel, ____ took five years, is a bestseller. |
| 9. Our neighbour, ____ is 90, still goes jogging. | 10. The report, ____ was by the CEO, caused controversy. |

2 Defining or Non-defining?

MEDIUM

Is the clause defining or non-defining?

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| 1. People who exercise regularly live longer. | 2. The hotel where we stayed had amazing view. |
| 3. The Amazon, which is world's largest river... | 4. Do you know anyone who can help me move? |
| 5. The book that I lent you is very rare. | 6. Shakespeare, who was born in 1564, wrote Hamlet. |
| 7. Her father, who is a surgeon, works long hours. | 8. My brother, who lives in Canada, is visiting. |
| 9. The student who got 100% won a prize. | 10. My car, which is ten years old, needs repair. |

3 Write who/which/whose/where

HARD

Write the correct relative pronoun.

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| 1. My mother, ____ is a teacher, loves reading. | 2. The museum, ____ we visited, closes on Mondays. |
| 3. Rome, ____ I lived for two years, is beautiful. | 4. My colleague, ____ wife is a journalist, won. |
| 5. The new bridge, ____ opened last year, saves time. | 6. My best friend, ____ I've known 15 years, is engaged. |
| 7. Paris, ____ is capital of France, has great food. | 8. The director, ____ latest film won Oscar, is talented. |
| 9. My flat, ____ I've lived 3 years, is very small. | 10. The match, ____ lasted four hours, was incredible. |

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Spot the error

HARDER

Choose the correct sentence.

1. Option A: 'My sister, that lives in Oslo...' OR Option B: 'My sister, who lives in Oslo, which is longest river...' OR Option B: 'The sister, who lives in Oslo, which is longest river...'
3. Option A: 'He told me about new job which made me happy' OR Option B: 'He told me about new job, which made me happy' OR Option B: 'My parents, who they live in Oslo, which is longest river...'
5. Option A: '...concert, which I went to last night' OR Option B: '...concert, where I went to last night' OR Option B: 'My friend, who lives in Oslo, which is longest river...'
7. Option A: 'Her car, which is red, needs service.' OR Option B: 'Her car, who is red, needs service.' OR Option B: 'The car, who is red, needs service.'
9. Option A: 'My friend, whose father is a pilot...' OR Option B: 'My friend, the president, who gave a speech...'

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 who / which

1 who

2 which

3 who

4 which

5 who

6 which

7 which

8 which

9 who

10 which

2 Exercise 2 Defining / Non-defining

1 Defining

2 Defining

3 Non-defining

4 Defining

5 Defining

6 Non-defining

7 Non-defining

8 Non-defining

9 Defining

10 Non-defining

3 Exercise 3 Pronouns

1 who

2 which

3 where

4 whose

5 which

6 who

7 which

8 whose

9 where

10 which

4 Exercise 4 Correct sentences

1 Option B

2 Option A

3 Option B

4 Option B

5 Option A

6 Option B

7 Option A

8 Option B

9 Option A

10 Option A