

Advanced Relative Clauses

Defining, non-defining, reduced clauses

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KEY RULE:

Defining = no commas, 'that' OK. Non-defining = commas, no 'that'.

1 Defining or non-defining?

EASY

Choose: defining or non-defining clause.

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| 1. The woman whose handbag was stolen called police. | 2. The film which won the award was long. |
| 3. Oxford, where she studied, is beautiful. | 4. My car, which I bought last year, broke down. |
| 5. The man who called me was rude. | 6. London, where I was born, is huge. |
| 7. The book that I read was amazing. | 8. The house that was built in 1900 is listed. |
| 9. Sarah, whose sister I know, moved abroad. | 10. My mother, who is a doctor, lives in Paris. |

2 Choose the correct relative pronoun

MEDIUM

Choose who, which, whose, where, when, why.

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| 1. The girl ____ won the prize smiled. | 2. The book ____ I lost was expensive. |
| 3. The company ____ products are popular. | 4. That's the town ____ I grew up. |
| 5. I remember the day ____ we first met. | 6. That's the reason ____ I left. |
| 7. The woman ____ I interviewed was great. | 8. The flat, ____ is on the 5th floor, is small. |
| 9. The year ____ she graduated was 2015. | 10. The man ____ car was stolen filed a report. |

3 Reduced relative clauses

HARD

Reduce the relative clause.

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| 1. The man who is standing there is my boss. | 2. The package which was sent yesterday arrived. |
| 3. The students who were selected joined the team. | 4. The woman who is sitting by the window is my aunt. |
| 5. The report which was submitted last week is missing. | 6. The dog that is barking is next door. |
| 7. The company which was founded in 1990 grew fast. | 8. The items that were ordered have arrived. |
| 9. The candidate who was interviewed last was best. | 10. The house that was built last year is already sold. |

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Formal and advanced relative clauses**HARD**

Rewrite using formal or advanced structures.

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| 1. The person I talked to was very helpful. | 2. This is the book I was telling you about. |
| 3. The woman I met her sister is very kind. | 4. The agreement the terms of it were complex. |
| 5. She's the director I worked for. | 6. This is the office I spent 10 years in. |
| 7. The project I was in charge of was cancelled. | 8. The colleague I recommended was promoted. |
| 9. The city I was born in is now very different. | 10. The contract I signed last month is now void. |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Defining/non-defining

1 Defining

2 Defining

3 Non-defining

4 Non-defining

5 Defining

6 Non-defining

7 Defining

8 Defining

9 Non-defining

10 Non-defining

2 Exercise 2 Relative pronouns

1 who

2 which/that

3 whose

4 where

5 when

6 why

7 whom/who

8 which

9 when

10 whose

3 Exercise 3 Reduced clauses

1 The man standing there

2 The package sent yesterday

3 The students selected

4 The woman sitting by the window

5 The report submitted last week

6 The barking dog

7 The company founded in 1990

8 The ordered items

9 The candidate interviewed last

10 The house built last year

4 Exercise 4 Formal structures

1 The person to whom I talked

2 This is the book about which I was telling you

3 The woman whose sister I met

4 The agreement the terms of which were complex

5 She's the director for whom I worked

6 This is the office in which I spent 10 years

7 The project of which I was in charge

8 The colleague whom I recommended

9 The city in which I was born

10 The contract which I signed