

REPHRASING: Relative Clauses

1. Defining relative clauses. Join the following pairs of sentences by means of a relative pronoun.

1. She's the woman. She lives next door.

2. She's the woman. Her husband works at that bookshop just around the corner.

3. I know a big bookshop. It sells all kinds of books.

4. That dog is always barking. Do you own it?

5. We can meet in a restaurant. Could you suggest one?

6. I will never forget the day. We met then.

7. The book is about a girl. She runs away from home.

8. A dictionary is a book. It gives you the meaning of words.

9. I don't like people. They are never on time.

10. We visited the town. William Shakespeare was born there.

2. Non-defining relative clauses. Join the following pairs of sentences by means of a relative pronoun.

1. Mrs Elliot went to hospital. She had a terrible pain on her back.

2. Ted Elliot is telling David about his problems. Ted's wife left home some days ago.

3. The new disco in Main Street has just opened. Everyone is talking about it.

4. Wordsworth was a famous English poet. His house was by Windermere lake.

5. Her book was published last year. It became a best seller.

6. Jack's car had broken down. He had to take a bus.

7. I was sitting next to a boy in the exam. He told me the answers.

8. My wallet contained over £100. It was found in the street by a schoolboy.

9. My friend Albert has decided to buy a motorbike. His car was stolen last week.

10. The hotel was full of guests. The hotel was miles from anywhere.

3. Join the following pairs of sentences by means of a relative pronoun. Decide if they are defining or non-defining.

1. We went to Sandra's party. We enjoyed it very much.

2. I went to see the doctor. He told me to rest for a few days.

3. Sheila is away from home a lot. Her job implies a lot of travelling.

4. Madrid is a big city. My cousin lives there

5. I met a man. His wife is an English teacher.

6. Venice is a wonderful place. We spent our last holiday there.

7. This is Mr. Smith. His son Bill plays in our team.

8. Jane is a famous actress. Her parents are my neighbours.

9. They are playing a song on the radio. Do you like it?

10. A girl was injured in the accident. She is now in the hospital.

11. Vielha is a nice village in the Pyrenees. I usually spend my summer holidays there.

12. The new stadium will be opened next month. It can hold 90,000 people.
13. We often go to visit our friends in Bristol. It is only 30 miles away.
14. Glasgow is the largest city in Scotland. My brother lives there.
15. Jim passed his driving test. This surprised everybody.
16. Ivan is very good-looking. He's Helen's brother.
17. Steven Spielberg lives in Hollywood. He is a famous film director.
18. The diamond necklace has been found by the police. It was stolen last week.
19. Have you met the girl? She's going out with Ted.
20. That was the day. They got married then.
21. These are the trainers. I bought them yesterday.
22. The city seems to be abandoned. It is usually crowded with people.

4. Rewrite the sentence using a relative pronoun. Make any necessary changes.

1. Online interaction requires a lot of sensitivity. It is particularly demanding.
2. The infantry was marching past the cheering crowd. Their uniforms looked nicer this year.
3. 'Girl with Balloon' is a wonderful artwork. 'Girl with Balloon' was sold for £1.04 million.
4. People practise relaxation techniques. These people live longer.