

## The ups and downs of my home

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Here are some things which I love about my home.

- **Flat 5B.** This is the flat where we live. It isn't very big, but it's comfortable and bright. It's a place where I feel happy.
- **The view.** I love the view that I have from my bedroom window. I can see the park where I play football.
- **Mrs Kerr.** She's the woman who lives next door. She's eighty-six, but she's lots of fun! I like the people that live downstairs too. They're really friendly, but Mrs Kerr is special.



And now some things that annoy me.

- **The bathroom.** This is the only room which I don't like. It's too small!
- **The stairs.** In our building there's a lift that never works! So we have to walk up five floors!
- **Noisy neighbours!** I don't like the people who live in the flat upstairs. There's a man who vacuums the floor at midnight! And there's someone that plays really loud music all the time!

1 5.5 Read the blog post. What does Judy like and dislike about her home? Why?

2 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of relative clauses in the blog post.

### GRAMMAR

#### Defining relative clauses

- We use **who** or **that** for people.  
*She's the woman who lives next door.*
- We use **which** or **that** for things.  
*Here are some things which I love about my home.*  
*There are some things that annoy me.*
- We use **where** for places.  
*This is the flat where we live.*

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct relative pronouns.

- 1 The house **where** I live has six rooms.
- 2 I like the people **\_\_\_\_\_** live next door.
- 3 The bus **\_\_\_\_\_** goes past my house is the number 11.
- 4 This is the room **\_\_\_\_\_** we eat.
- 5 I have a neighbour **\_\_\_\_\_** puts on the dishwasher at 6 a.m.
- 6 I love the place **\_\_\_\_\_** I live.

4 Combine the sentences with relative pronouns.

- 1 I live in a house. It's 100 years old.  
*I live in a house that/which is 100 years old.*
- 2 I live in a flat. It has two bathrooms.
- 3 This is the cupboard. We keep the glasses and plates there.
- 4 From my window I can see a road. It's always busy.
- 5 I've got a sister. She shares a room with me.
- 6 I like the people. They live next door.

5 Complete the sentences with relative pronouns and your own ideas. In pairs, compare your sentences.

- 1 The room **where** I spend most of my time is ...
- 2 The person **\_\_\_\_\_** annoys me the most is ...
- 3 The thing **\_\_\_\_\_** I love about my home is ...
- 4 One place **\_\_\_\_\_** I feel really happy is ...
- 5 The people **\_\_\_\_\_** live next door are ...
- 6 The housework **\_\_\_\_\_** I dislike the most is ...

### YOUR WORLD

6 Write about the things that you love about your home and the things that annoy you. Use relative clauses.

*The people who live next door are really friendly.*  
*The flat where we live has two bathrooms.*

7 In groups, talk about your home. Use the sentences from Exercise 6 to help you.