

Lesson 3A

GRAMMAR | relative clauses

VOCABULARY | festivals; the environment

PRONUNCIATION | pitch in non-defining relative clauses

VOCABULARY

festivals

- 1 Complete the blog post with the correct form of the words in the box.

act atmosphere attend attract
festival-goer line-up organiser venue

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Just back from ¹ _____ WOMAD festival and it was awesome! There was a fantastic ² _____ of artists from all over the world – not just music but dance and other arts, too. I saw as many ³ _____ as I could during the four days I was there and none of them disappointed. The ⁴ _____ was amazing – everyone was singing, dancing and having a great time.

The festival grounds are huge, and all of the ⁵ _____ certainly did a good job of making it easy to get around the enormous ⁶ _____, which stretched over several large fields. It's a beautiful place, too – no wonder the festival ⁷ _____ such a massive number of people. I think there were about 40,000 ⁸ _____ in total! You should definitely go!



the environment

- 2  Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- Driving less is the simplest way for individuals to reduce their carbon **footprint** / **power** / **emission**.
- We need to move away from natural **emissions** / **power** / **resources** such as oil and gas and look for sustainable alternatives.
- We've introduced a **recycling** / **renewable** / **clean-up** scheme at work for cardboard, glass and metal.
- Carbon **emissions** / **power** / **footprints** will drop by forty percent if the current targets are met.
- More and more organisations are turning to **clean-up** / **renewable** / **recycling** energy such as wind and solar power.
- We can't depend on solar **resources** / **emissions** / **power** in our country because the weather's so bad!

GRAMMAR

relative clauses

- 3A  The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- Everyone in which we've spoken to has really enjoyed the event.
a what b which c who
- My mum, that is a singer-songwriter, is appearing at the Edinburgh Festival this year.
a who's b which c whose
- That's the album which is they're most famous for.
a when b what c that
- Camp Bestival, who attracts thousands of visitors every year, takes place in the UK.
a where b which c that

- B Read the sentences in Ex 3A again. In which can you omit the relative pronoun?

PRONUNCIATION

- 4A  3.01 | pitch in non-defining relative clauses | Listen and underline the clauses with a lower pitch.

- Glastonbury Festival, which has been running since 1970, attracts over 200,000 visitors.
- The band, who had never played to such a large crowd before, felt very nervous.
- The headline act, which will perform this evening, is expected to draw a huge crowd.
- Billie Eilish, who has sold over 5 million records worldwide, will be on stage at nine.
- The orchestra, which is bigger than ever, will play on the Sticks stage this afternoon.
- Woodstock, which took place over three days in 1969, was a turning point in music.

- B  3.01 | Listen again and repeat.

READING

5 A Read the article and tick the topics that are mentioned.

eco-businesses food waste green festivals
product quality renewable energy
sustainable products transport water usage

Be a greener festival-goer!

Here are our top tips to help you cut your festival carbon footprint ...

Tip 1: Go to environmentally-friendly festivals

Start off in the right way by choosing to attend a green festival, whose organisers will make cleaner decisions on your behalf, including powering their grounds with green energy, providing recycling bins, and committing to environmental policies.

Tip 2: Stay local

Instead of travelling long distances to go a festival, choose one that is closer to home. Bands often do the festival circuit around the country, so you'll still get to see your favourite performers. You'll also have the opportunity to see up-and-coming bands in your area and add some new favourites.

Tip 3: Re-think your 'stuff'

It's easy to pack your rucksack full of mini-bottles of shampoo, shower gel and hair products, but too many of these still come in unnecessary plastic packaging. Fortunately, there are alternatives: you can take – or make – shampoo bars, bamboo toothbrushes, and natural deodorants; and some companies have refill stations, where you can take along a reusable container and fill up with your favourite toiletries before the festival.

Tip 4: Buy once, buy well

Many festival-goers actually leave their tents behind after the event, not realising the majority end up in landfill. So, instead of purchasing a single-use festival tent, invest in something high-quality and reusable. It'll be more comfortable, too. And go plastic-free by taking along reusable water bottles and coffee cups.

Tip 5: Be an electricity saver

Festivals usually have charging points for mobile phones but these come at a cost. Why not take your own pocket charger? All you have to do is wind it up and it'll provide charge for your phone. And why not decorate your tent with solar-powered fairy lights to make it stand out from the crowd – and help you find your way home at night!

B Read the text and answer the questions. Use no more than three words for each answer.

- 1 What are many green festivals committing to?
- 2 To fill up your reusable containers, where should you take them to?
- 3 What can you do if you use reusable water bottles and coffee cups?
- 4 What do you need to do to use a pocket charger?

WRITING

a formal email

6 A Read the email from a local resident to the organisers of a festival. What is the purpose of the email?

'Hi,

I live in the countryside where XFest is held annually. Every year, I ²get more and more fed up with the mess left behind by festival-goers, who ³couldn't care less about the damage they are causing to the local environment.

I have been involved in clean-up operations for the last few years and ⁴hate the amount of waste that is left in the fields. I know that some of the camping gear is rescued and given to homeless charities, but this doesn't ⁵sort out the problem of it being buried or the ground being damaged.

Is there no way you can insist on campers leaving the place as they found it?

⁶Can't wait to hear from you all!

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B Read the email again. Replace the underlined informal phrases (1–6) with their more formal equivalents (a–f).

- a become increasingly frustrated by
- b strongly disapprove of
- c address the issue of
- d I look forward to your response.
- e appear to have little concern
- f To whom it may concern,

C Imagine you are one of the organisers of XFest. Plan a formal response to the email in Ex 6A.

D Write your formal email. Write 100–140 words.

7 Read the question. Then plan, write and review your answer. You must write at least 75 words.

Governments should make people look after their local environment. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why/Why not?