6D Grammar

Non-defining relative clauses

I can use non-defining relative clauses.

1 Complete the sentences with the relative pronouns below.

where which who whose

1 The company's US offices are in Seattle, _____ is near the border with Canada.
2 I've applied for a job at the BBC, _____ my mum used to work.
3 At the job interview, she met Jack White, _____ father started the company.
4 The company has three hundred employees, _____ work in three different offices.

2 Complete the text with the relative clauses (a–f).



Google is famous for providing fantastic working conditions for its employees, [1]___ . But what qualities do you need to get a job at Googleplex in California, [2]___ ? The answer may surprise you. Laszlo Block, [3]___ , is in charge of finding new employees for Google, [4]___ . He is not looking for people who describe themselves as 'intelligent and experienced', [5]___ . In Block's opinion, people who describe themselves as intelligent think they know the answers already. This limits their curiosity and flexibility, [6]___ .

a which are two qualities that most other companies value highly
b where the company has its main headquarters
c which receives around 2.5 million CVs every year
d who enjoy free leisure facilities (gyms, swimming pools, video games, etc.) and free meals
e which makes them unsuitable for a company like Google
f whose job title is 'senior vice-president for people operations'

3 Four of these sentences contain mistakes. Underline and correct the mistakes. Tick the two correct sentences.

1 For twenty years, I worked in New York, where is a really exciting city. _____ ☐
2 At the age of nineteen, she published her first novel, that won several awards. _____ ☐
3 At the party, I met Luke's wife, who's the CEO of a large cosmetics company. _____ ☐
4 After my degree, I did a professional qualification, which lasted two years. _____ ☐
5 The company's head office is in Tokyo, which house prices are extremely high. _____ ☐
6 On my first day, I became friends with a girl called Ava, who's desk was next to mine. _____ ☐

4 Rewrite the sentences as one sentence with a non-defining relative clause. Sometimes there are two possible answers.

1 My uncle worked on a farm. He lived in Italy.
My uncle, who lived in Italy, worked on a farm. OR
My uncle, who worked on a farm, lived in Italy.
2 The car factory is closing down. Three hundred local people work there.
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3 He was very nervous during his first interview. It was at *The Times* newspaper.
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4 My next door neighbour works as a gardener. She's a qualified doctor.
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5 She had prepared well for the job interview. It lasted nearly two hours.
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6 Our French teacher wants to move to France and open a hotel. Her husband is from Paris.
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7 My cousin did a second degree in computer science. Her first degree was in maths.
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8 I wrote an application letter. I forgot to post it.
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