

0.8 Defining relative clauses

We use defining relative clauses to give important information about a person, thing, place, etc., so that it's clear which one we are talking about. We use the following relative pronouns:

- **who** and **that** to refer to people:
*I have a friend **who/that** works as a console game teacher.*
- **that** to refer to objects:
*The computer **that** I use at work is very slow.*
- **where** to refer to places:
*This is the office **where** I work.*
- **whose** to show possession:
*I don't know **whose** book this is.*
- **why** to give to a reason or explanation:
*Can you tell me the reason **why** you are late?*

We can leave out the relative pronouns *who* and *that* when they are followed by a noun or pronoun:

*Are you reading the report (**that**) I have written?*

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1 Match the sentence beginnings 1–6 with the endings a–f.

- 1 This is the professor _____
 - 2 Most of the products _____
 - 3 An IT company _____
 - 4 This letter comes from a company _____
 - 5 I know a lot of people _____
 - 6 This is the college _____
- a that we buy come from China.
 - b that offers good services doesn't need advertising.
 - c who are from South America.
 - d that wants to employ me.
 - e who teaches me a lot of useful things.
 - f where I studied business.

2 Choose all the answers that are possible.

- 1 This is the company car _____ I told you about.
A who B where C that D Ø
- 2 The woman _____ is talking to the receptionist is the manager's wife.
A who B where C that D Ø
- 3 All the people _____ work in my department are from the US.
A who B where C that D Ø
- 4 The hotel _____ we're staying is on Wellington Street.
A who B where C that D Ø
- 5 I'd like to buy a printer _____ is quick and quiet.
A who B where C that D Ø
- 6 During my year off, I stayed in a village _____ there were no doctors.
A who B where C that D Ø