

RELATIVE CLAUSES

RELATIVE PRONOUNS *WHO*, *WHICH*, AND *THAT*

WHO: refers *only to people*, never to things

- used in either defining or non-defining clauses

Defining clause:

I don't like people who are always criticizing others.

Non-defining clause:

My father, who loves antiques, collects old books.

WHICH: refers only to things, never to people

- used in both defining and non-defining clauses, but more often in non-defining clauses

Defining clause:

The plane which arrived late was from London.

Non-defining clause:

My car, which is very old, breaks down often.

THAT: refers to *people or things*

- used in defining clauses only
- used to identify a specific person, place, or thing

The book that I read was very exciting.

The man that lives next door is very helpful.

NOTE: a relative pronoun (*who*, *which*, or *that*) is always placed next to the word, phrase or clause to which it refers.

Complete the sentences with the correct relative pronouns.

- 1 This is the boy who had an accident.
- 2 Yesterday I saw a car _____ was really old.
- 3 Mandy is the girl _____ I met on Friday.
- 4 The robber stole the car _____ the lady parked in front of the supermarket.
- 5 Can I talk to the girl _____ is sitting on the bench?
- 6 The book _____ you gave me is great.
- 7 She likes hamburgers _____ are hot.
- 8 Bill Clinton, _____ was President of the USA, has only one daughter.
- 9 _____ book will you buy ?
- 10 Is this the umbrella _____ you lost ?
- 11 The man _____ is sitting by the door takes a break.
- 12 The children played in the snow _____ had fallen during the night.
- 13 The student _____ lent you his book, speaks Italian.
- 14 This is the painting _____ MrCool showed us last week.
- 15 The gloves _____ I lost at school yesterday were not my best ones.
- 16 The flowers _____ my boyfriend gave me have died.
- 17 The magazine _____ you lent me is interesting.
- 18 The man _____ is resting is very tired.
- 19 The boy _____ sat next to you is my friend.
- 20 We are using books _____ were printed last year.

2 a) Listen to these three people talking about fashion.
Name all the items of clothing they mention.



Tim

"I like wearing baggy sportswear because I spend a lot of time on my skates. I'm wearing a hooded top and a baseball cap. I usually wear it the other way round. There are some of my friends who like clothes with a label, but I always put sport before fashion. The most important thing is that I feel comfortable in the clothes I wear. I have always wanted to have a leather jacket but I haven't bought one, because they are rather expensive."

"I have never been interested in fashion. Clothes are clothes. I hate going shopping so I'm happy with whatever I get from my mum or sister. I really can't understand why there's so much fuss about these expensive clothes — I'd rather buy a book or a playstation game. I bought one last week and I'm broke now. This tracksuit top I'm wearing now is a birthday present from my sister. I got it last year."



Josh



Brenda

"Well, I'm wearing a school uniform, as you can see. This is so boring. I choose clothes I want to buy, but I always go shopping with my mum. She's not always happy with what I pick, so we sometimes argue. She doesn't always give in. Last year I earned some money babysitting for my neighbours, so I bought a fake fur jacket and a glittery shirt. I wear them when I go to parties. The last thing I got as a present is a choker. My brother said a dog collar would be better."

b) Match the words with their definitions.

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| 1 label | <input type="checkbox"/> | shiny |
| 2 fuss | <input type="checkbox"/> | choose |
| 3 give in | <input type="checkbox"/> | a little piece of material fixed to an item of clothing with information about it |
| 4 pick | <input type="checkbox"/> | a time when people are very excited about something that is usually not that important |
| 5 glittery | <input type="checkbox"/> | stop fighting against somebody or something |

c) Insert the words above in the phrases below.

a ... evening dress, designer's ..., ... a jacket you like,
make a ... about something, ... to someone's demands