Relative Clauses

Defining Relative Clauses

1.- Complete the sentences with relative pronouns.

1. The cook _____ made the pasta was Italian.
2. I read a book _____ explained how to make films.
3. This is the hospital _____ I was born.
4. Summer is the season _____ I go on holiday.
5. He is the boy _____ I told you about!

2.- Join each sentence to the correct ending, using *who, which, where* and *whose*.

1) He's the player _____
2) Apollo was the spaceship _____
3) We went to the shop _____
4) The girl _____
5) Her last single, _____

a) ____ I saw the dress.
b) ____ took man to the moon.
c) ____ was Number One, was a really slow song.
d) ____ scored the goal.
e) ____ arm was broken is a friend of mine.

WHO'S = Who is/who has
(***Who's*** going to the beach today?)
(***Who's*** finished eating lunch?)

WHOSE = Belonging to whom
(***Whose*** cat ate my pet mouse?)
(***Whose*** line is it anyway?)

3.- Fill in: who's or whose.

1) Sarah is the woman _____ moved next door.
2) Rita is the girl _____ father won the lottery.
3) Helen is the person _____ car was stolen.
4) Ann's the one _____ lost a lot of weight.
5) Massimo is the man _____ going to help me.
6) That's the man _____ son was killed in an accident.

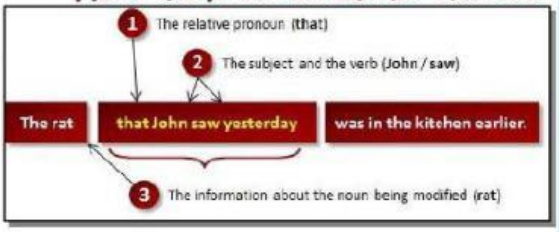
4.- Join the sentences. use relative pronouns.

1. I know a chef. He makes 100 types of pasta.
2. I read a book. It explained how to make films.
3. This is the garden. He usually walks his dog here.
4. Here is the boy. The teacher was looking for him.
5. I remember the day. You had a surprise party then.

5.- Delete the relative pronoun where possible.

1) People who like playing tennis often like playing badminton too.
2) The children that you saw outside came yesterday too.
3) The thing which really annoys me about him is his attitude.
4) That room where I slept last night was really warm.
5) The film which we saw yesterday was quite interesting.
6) It's the same film as the one that we saw last week.
7) Is cricket the game that takes a long time to play?
8) Is she the one whose money was stolen?
9) "Herbivore" is the name that we give to animals that only eat plants.

Here the pronoun can be omitted



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Non-Defining Relative Clauses (between commas)

My brother,	who claimed to have a limp,	sprinted after the bus.

This is just additional information. It is not required to identify the noun being modified (**brother**)

The relative pronoun cannot be omitted or changed by "that".

6.- Join each pair of sentences using a non-defining relative clause –between commas-.

1) Sam Smith won the lottery last night. He is an electrician.

2) The book is a best-seller. It is about communist Russia.

3) The attic is very bright. I work there.

4) My father taught me to play chess. He loved the game.

7.- Match the sentences with the relative clauses.

1) Stephen, _____, helps me with all of my computer problems.
2) He is very happy _____. He loves doing this.
3) The university _____ is one of the best technical universities in Europe.
4) Stephen has recommended a new computer, _____
5) Stephen, _____, works very hard at university.
6) I bought him a web cam, _____, to say thanks.

a) which he loved
b) which I will buy next month
c) whose company is paying for his degree
d) who is my neighbour
e) where he studies
f) when he is solving computer problems

8.- Complete the text using the relative pronouns – that, when, where, which, who, whose - if necessary.

My great-aunt Dorothy is a woman [1] _____ doesn't seem to realize how old she is. In fact, she's eighty-one. She's up-to-date on all the news and trends, and she reads science books [2] _____ are too complicated for most people to understand.

Dorothy also loves computer games, [3] _____ some people think is really funny at her age. I think it's great and I've given her some of mine, but she said the last one [4] _____ I gave her was too violent. She doesn't like anything [5] _____ has guns in it.

Dorothy says good food is the secret to a long healthy life. She says someone [6] _____ meals are healthy, but delicious will always love being alive! She is sure that if you don't eat healthy food [7] _____ you are young, you won't want to later, either. She thinks the places [8] _____ I sometimes go to eat with my friends are terrible. I know she is right, but I love burgers!

Dorothy has a part-time job at the local library, [9] _____ she teaches retired people to use the internet. She's somebody [10] _____ everyone likes, especially me!

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