

UNIT 2: RELATIVE CLAUSES



A Is the information in **bold** essential, or is it extra? Write **D** (defining, or essential) or **N** (non-defining, or extra). Then add commas where necessary.

1. I can't stand magazines **that are full of ads**. ____
2. Fashion magazines **which are really mostly about shopping** usually have the most ads. ____
3. The celebrities **who are always in the gossip magazines** don't really interest me. ____
4. Good theater actors **who never get as famous as movie actors** deserve more attention. ____
5. I really enjoy reading about celebrities and the charity work **they do**. ____
6. When I buy music magazines, I'll usually buy the ones **which have a free CD**. ____
7. The magazine **I like the most** is about art and culture. ____

B Complete the conversations with *who*, *that*, or *which*. If you can leave them out, write parentheses () around them. Sometimes there is more than one correct answer.

1. A I'm looking for a good TV show _____ could help me improve my listening skills in English. What do you think I should watch?
B I think maybe sitcoms, _____ are often about everyday life, are best for that. Check out the two _____ I watch – Wednesday nights at 8:00 and 8:30 on Channel 2.
2. A Look at this magazine _____ I just bought . . . it's full of ads! Why can't I find magazines _____ aren't trying to sell me stuff?
B Well, magazines have to make money, _____ ads provide.
3. A Ugh, I can't listen to any more about that actress, Leya March, _____ seems to be on the news every minute of the day!
B Oh, I find it all pretty entertaining. And most of the events _____ are happening in the world are pretty depressing, so hearing about her is kind of a relief.
4. A I'm obsessed with reality shows. The people _____ are on them are hilarious.
B I know. They'll do anything to be famous, _____ can be so funny to watch.

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A. - COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES WITH A SUITABLE RELATIVE PRONOUN OR ADVERB

1. That is the man _____ helped me when I fell down in the street.
2. Is that your car? No, mine is the one _____ is parked just opposite the bank.
3. That is the woman _____ complained about the room service.
4. This is the park in _____ we first met. Do you remember?
5. So, James is the boy _____ didn't come on the school trip with us? I didn't know.
6. If you have any question, ask the girl _____ is standing at the desk. She'll help you.
7. They had to put away the dog _____ bit the boy. It was too dangerous.
8. I'm looking for a person _____ has a degree in languages.
9. Do you still go to that pub _____ we used to go as students?
10. The heating is not working. Do you know anyone _____ can fix it?

B. - JOIN THESE SENTENCES USING RELATIVE PRONOUNS BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS GIVEN. OMIT THE PRONOUN IF POSSIBLE.

1. The girl is my sister. I'm talking to the girl.
2. This is the chair. The carpenter repaired it last week.
3. She is married to a man. He is richer than her.
4. She is the friend. She helped me with my homework.
5. That is the swimming-pool. I used to go swimming there.

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6. That is the man. He married a famous actress.
7. A doctor examined me last Friday. He was really kind.
8. The woman called the police. The woman was stolen.
9. I went to a restaurant last week. It was very expensive.
10. I saw a film last night. It was very interesting.

C. - ARE THESE RELATIVE CLAUSES DEFINING OR NON-DEFINING?

1. London, which is the capital of England, is one of the largest cities in the world.
2. This is the dress my mother has made for me.
3. Queen Elizabeth II, who is 83, has been the queen of England for 57 years now.
4. That's the dog that bit me.
5. Tom Cruise, who has starred a lot of films, is a famous American actor.
6. The village which I visited last summer is stunning.
7. Greg, who is a doctor, has been in nearly all the countries in the world.
8. The office I have just rented is near my home.
9. This is the officer that arrested the burglar.
10. Lady Gaga, who is a well-known pop star, is only 32.

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D. - CHOOSE THE RIGHT RELATIVE PRONOUN TO COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES.

1. Jim, _____ I've known for years, is my best friend.
2. My new coat, _____ I bought in New York, is very warm and comfortable.
3. My boss, _____ has a French girlfriend, travels to Paris regularly.
4. He didn't even say "thank you", _____ I found really rude.
5. Next summer I'm going to India, _____ excites me a lot.
6. My sister, _____ is five years younger than me, is a lawyer.
7. Galileo Galilei, _____ supported the heliocentric theory, was arrested by the Inquisition.