

## Relative clauses - defining or non-defining?

Study the situations and then decide whether the following relative clauses are defining or non-defining.

defining – no commas

non-defining – commas

1. I have three brothers.
  - My brother who lives in Sidney came to see me last month.
  - My brother, who lives in Sidney, came to see me last month.
2. I have one sister.
  - My sister who is 25 years old spent her holiday in France.
  - My sister, who is 25 years old, spent her holiday in France.
3. Bob's mum has lost her keys.
  - Bob's mum who is a musician has lost her car keys.
  - Bob's mum, who is a musician, has lost her car keys.
4. My friend Jane moved to Canada.
  - My friend Jane whose husband is Canadian moved to Canada last week.
  - My friend Jane, whose husband is Canadian, moved to Canada last week.
5. I am a shoe fanatic.
  - The shoes which I bought yesterday are very comfortable.
  - The shoes, which I bought yesterday, are very comfortable.
6. Mr Robinson is very famous.
  - Mr Robinson whom I met at the trade fair is a famous inventor.
  - Mr Robinson, whom I met at the trade fair, is a famous inventor.
7. Tamara has two cats. Both of them are black.
  - Tamara's two cats which can play outside are black.
  - Tamara's two cats, which can play outside, are black.
8. Kevin has four cats. Two of them are black.
  - Kevin's two cats which are black can play outside.
  - Kevin's two cats, which are black, can play outside.
9. We are on holiday. Yesterday we visited a church.
  - The church which we visited yesterday is very old.
  - The church, which we visited yesterday, is very old.
10. We are on holiday. Yesterday we visited a church.
  - St. Mary's Church which we visited yesterday is very old.
  - St. Mary's Church, which we visited yesterday, is very old.