RELATIVE CLAUSES

Relative Pronouns

WHO - para referirnos a personas
WHICH - para referirnos a objetos
WHOM - para refererirnos a personas (más formal) y siempre que hablemos de persona y tengamos una preposición ante el relativo (*to whom*).
WHOSE - para indicar posesión
WHERE - para referirnos a un lugar
WHEN - para referirnos a un momento
WHY - para indicar una razón

1 Defining Clauses

- Aportan información esencial para entender de quién o de qué estamos hablando.

The boy who lives next door is a tennis player.

- En este tipo de relative clauses which y who pueden sustituirse por that.

The book which/that you are reading is amazing.

2 Non-defining Clauses

- Aportan información extra no esencial para entender a quién o a qué nos referimos
- Van entre comas
- NUNCA usaremos *that* en este tipo de relative clauses
- NO podemos omitir el pronombre relativo

María, who won a medal last year, is going to take part in the marathon.

The new film, which will be released in May, revolves around the adventures of a group of teenagers.

My boss, whose wife owns three restaurants, is a hard-working person.

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Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with a relative pronoun. Draw an X next to the sentence if the relative pronoun can be omitted.

1. This bike, ... I bought last moth, cannot be fixed.
2. The neighbour ..... works for my dad is very noisy at night.
3. That's the woman ..... son lives in Brooklyn.
4. The art gallery, ... you can admire the early works of Van Gogh, is located in the city centre.
5. The flowers ..... she gave me have bright colors.
6. I know the village ..... the film was shot.
7. She shouted at me and that's the reason ..... I am quitting the job.
8. Tania, ... first job was as a receptionist, runs a small café in town now.
9. I have a classmate ..... failed 5 subjects last term.
10. I'll never forget the day ..... I met your father.

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences with a relative pronoun.

1- Thomas Edison died in 1931. His inventions changed the world.

2- Carla is studying medicine now. She was my classmate last year.

3- The cottage is being renovated. We spent new Year's Eve there.

4- My uncle has a brand new car. It cost him a fortune.

5- My laptop stopped working last night. I have been using it for 5 years.

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