RELATIVE CLAUSES EXERCISES

1. Complete using the most suitable relative pronoun:

1 An aeroplane is a machine _____ flies.
2. The people _____ work in the house are very friendly.
3. A salesman is a man _____ works in a shop.
4. They live in the house _____ windows are broken.
5. My wife's mother, _____ I haven't seen for several years, speaks too much.
6. I don't like the town _____ you work.
7. He is the only American _____ has swum.....
8. My wife, _____ lives in New York, has just written me a letter.
9. The girl _____ lives next door is very boring.
10. This is the lady _____ husband died last year.

2. Complete these sentences with the correct relative pronouns.

1. Brigitte Bardot is a French actress **who/that** has protested against the slaughter of seals.
2. The fox is an animal ..... can be seen in many British cities.
3. Kate is the girl ..... father bought a baby crocodile.
4. The office ..... I work is a branch of the RSPCA.
5. Charlie is the hamster ..... is fatter than all the rest.
6. Mr Forrester is the butcher ..... had his shop window smashed by ALF members.

3. Join each pair of sentences with a defining relative clause. Omit the pronoun where possible.

1. This is the book. I found the information in it.

2. I didn't recognise Susan. I talked to her.

3. She hasn't given me back my book. She borrowed it from me last week.

4. Have you seen the biscuits? They were on the top shelf.

5. A woman gave me the application form. She told me how to fill it out.

6. The novel is about a child. Her parents die in the jungle.

7. Charles Chaplin was a famous comedian. He directed well-known films.

8. You are going to meet a girl tomorrow. She is intelligent and pretty, too.

9. - I bought a new CD. Its songs are by different country music singers.

7. Join each pair of sentences with a non-defining relative clause.

1. Fur coats are very popular among wealthy women. They produce indignation among animal lovers.

2. My English friends live in Leeds. They work for the RSPCA.

3. Harry is very fond of pets. He's got a dog, a cat, two hamsters and three budgies.

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4. My brother studied zoology. He works in a natural history museum.

5. The Tower of London is on the River Thames. It is one of the most famous buildings in Britain.

6. Fiesta was written by Ernest Hemingway. It is also called The Sun Also Rises.

7. The new tunnel will be opened next month. It is the safest in Europe.

8. Michael is still asleep. He stayed up until 4 a.m. watching athletics.

9. Tina gave a big party in her house. Her parents were away on business.

10. Doris Lessing was born in Persia. She wrote The Golden Notebook.

13. Relatives: defining, non-defining and connective: Combine the following pairs or groups of sentences by means of relative pronouns, making any necessary changes.

1. You sent me a present. Thank you very much for it. (Thank you very much for...)

2. She was dancing with a student. He had a slight limp. (two ways)

3. I am looking after some children. They are terribly spoilt. (two ways)

4. The bed has no mattress. I sleep on this bed. (The bed I...)

5. Romeo and Juliet were lovers. Their parents hated each other.

6. There wasn't any directory in the telephone box. I was phoning from this box.

7. This is Mrs. Jones. Her son won the championship last year.

8. I was sitting in a chair. It suddenly collapsed. (The chair...)

9. Mr. Smith said he was too busy to speak to me. I had come especially to see him.

10. The man was sitting at the desk. I had come to see this man.

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