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GRAMMAR Relative Clauses: Defining & Non-Defining

Defining relative clauses

We use relative clauses to give extra information in a sentence.

In defining relative clauses, we link parts of the sentence with *which / that, who / that, where* or *whose*.

*The woman **who / that gave the talk** was very interesting.*

*This is the exercise **which / that the teacher gave us.***

*The set is the place **where a film is made.***

*The student **whose painting this is** has left the school.*

When *who, which* or *that* is the object in the relative clause, we can leave it out.

*Can you bring me the book (that) **I bought yesterday.***

*The student (who) **you saw** studies at Oxford University.*

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A. Choose who/that or which/that to complete the sentences. (6 marks)

1. The DVD _____ I bought last week is no good.
2. Sandy can't find the key _____ opens this box.
3. The police are looking for the thieves _____ stole the statue.
4. I've lost the necklace _____ my grandmother gave me.
5. The people _____ live next door are American.
6. The shop _____ sells the best chocolates is closed.

B. Put the words in order to make sentences with defining relative clauses. (5 marks)

1. boy / the / won / the / French / race / is / who
   The boy who won the race is French.
2. cat / sitting / can / see / the / you / which / wall / is / our / on / ?
3. who / man / we / shopping / is / the / teacher / centre / in / the / my / met
4. car / was / Mini / stolen / which / was / a / the
5. long / night / was / you / film / the / how / last / that / saw / ?
6. going / to / the / wear / dress / I'm / bought / that / I

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C. Answer the following question with your own words. (6 marks)

1. A place where I want to go on holiday is ...
2. The music I listen to most often is ...
3. A book which made me think is ...
4. A film which scared me is ...
5. A person who is my role model is ...
6. An actor whose films I always like is ...

Non-defining relative clauses

In non-defining relative clauses, the clause gives optional extra information.

*My friend Maria, **who went to the same school as me**, lives in Madrid.*

*The car, **which can reach speeds of over 300 km an hour**, is very expensive.*

Non-defining relative clauses must be separated with commas.

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D. Drag these non-defining relative clauses into the correct sentences. (6 marks)

which were nominated for a total of 30 Academy Awards	which cost $285 million
which is famous for its incredible landscapes	who wrote and conducted the music for the trilogy
who starred as Frodo Baggins in the films	who lived in Oxford

1. *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy, _____, is one of the most ambitious film projects ever.
2. Most of the photography for the three films was done in New Zealand, _____.
3. The composer Howard Shore, _____ had the biggest success of his career.
4. The actor Elijah Wood, _____, is also a well-known DJ.
5. The three films, _____, won seventeen - a record for any movie trilogy.
6. The university professor J.R.R. Tolkien, _____ was the author of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.



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