

PRACTICE : RELATIVE CLAUSES

1 Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- a) An old man, who/which was carrying a suitcase, knocked at the door.
- b) The winner, which/whose bike was an unusual design, won a medal.
- c) The girl who/which spoke to me turned out to be in my class.
- d) The museum, which/whose was in a beautiful building, was closed.
- e) A policewoman that/which we asked told us how to get there.
- f) The boy whose/whom house I was staying at was an old friend.
- g) The last person which/whose pen I borrowed didn't get it back.

2 Complete each sentence with *who*, *whose* or *that*.

- a) The friend whose house I stayed in is coming to stay with us.
- b) The guidebook we bought explained everything.
- c) The couple house I bought both worked in my office.
- d) I'd like you to tell me you were talking to.
- e) The girl ruler I had borrowed wanted it back.
- f) I can't remember I lent my bike to.
- g) Do you know Catherine works for?

3 Decide whether the clause in *italics* is Defining or Non-defining. Write D or N next to each sentence.

- a) The girl *who was waiting* was becoming impatient. D
- b) The room, *which was enormous*, was filled with lines of chairs.
- c) The students, *who were late*, waited in the playground.
- d) The food *which was left* was eaten the following day.
- e) A tall girl, *who was wearing a hat*, came into the room.
- f) The dog, *which was lying on the sofa*, had long pointed ears.
- g) The train *which leaves at 8.00* doesn't stop at Bath.

4 Underline relative pronouns which can be left out in these sentences.

- a) The book that John was reading was a bit frightening.
- b) The travel agency which sold me the ticket was near my office.
- c) In the end, our holiday was the best that we had ever had.
- d) The dentist who I go to isn't very expensive.
- e) The film which we saw last week was much better than this one.
- f) The people who were leaving couldn't find their coats.
- g) The garden, which wasn't very large, was full of flowers.