

Reduced relative clauses

Non-defining relative clauses with *be* can be reduced in the same way as defining relative clauses. Notice the use of commas.

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Combine the sentences. Rewrite them as one sentence containing a reduced non-defining relative clause.

1. Lady Gaga is generally believed to be very confident and professional.
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Lady Gaga, generally believed to be very confident and professional, claims she is actually shy.

2. Yohji Yamamoto is famous for his modern fashion designs. He often uses the color black.
3. Jessica Alba has been interested in acting since the age of five. She first appeared in a film at age 13.
4. The movie *Twilight* was adapted from a novel by Stephenie Meyer. It stars Robert Pattinson.
5. Mark Zuckerberg is celebrated for creating Facebook. He attended Harvard University.
6. Justin Bieber is originally from Canada. He began his professional singing career in the U.S.
7. Tim Berners-Lee is credited with inventing the Web. He published the first website in 1991.

