

Non-defining relative clauses as sentence modifiers

Non-defining relative clauses can be used as sentence modifiers and can contain almost any verb. Some of the most common ones are *surprise*, *depress*, *encourage*, *suggest (that)*, *contribute to*, and *result in*. Note that the verbs that describe emotion must be followed by an object.

My husband tried to repair a leak with aluminum foil, **which has resulted in a ruined silk carpet.**

My teacher praised my English today, **which encourages me to study harder.**

Peter has been happier since he took up golf, **which suggests that hobbies are good for a person both mentally and physically.**

I learned how to clean jewelry with toothpaste, **which depressed me because it meant I had wasted a fortune on expensive cleaners.**

I've started making my own clothes, **which has contributed to financial savings and a full closet!**

1 Match these statements with the appropriate non-defining clauses.

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| 1. I use dental floss to string beads for jewelry, c | a. which surprised us since he loves cities. |
| 2. My sister always loved school, ____ | b. which has contributed to weight loss and more energy. |
| 3. Robert moved to a small town, ____ | c. which is why I have so much of it. |
| 4. I just had a big fight with Ana, ____ | d. which is why people always go to him for help. |
| 5. Paul is really good at solving problems, ____ | e. which has resulted in better grades for me. |
| 6. Amy jogs every morning, ____ | f. which encouraged her to go into teaching. |
| 7. I've had a private tutor for the past few months, ____ | g. which means I'll have to explore alternatives in the course schedule. |
| 8. The class I wanted to take is already full, ____ | h. which depressed me because she's my best friend. |

Complete the sentences with a phrase from the box.

which resulted in	which suggested	which depressed
which encouraged	which means	which surprised

- I'm working late tonight, **which means** I'll take a later train home.
- My friend was in a local play, _____ me to try acting.
- Our team lost the championship, _____ me and my friends.
- Prices went down last year, _____ savings for many people.
- Ted sent me a nice birthday card, _____ me since he usually doesn't do anything special for people's birthdays.
- Dinner tasted terrible, _____ that I didn't follow the recipe correctly.