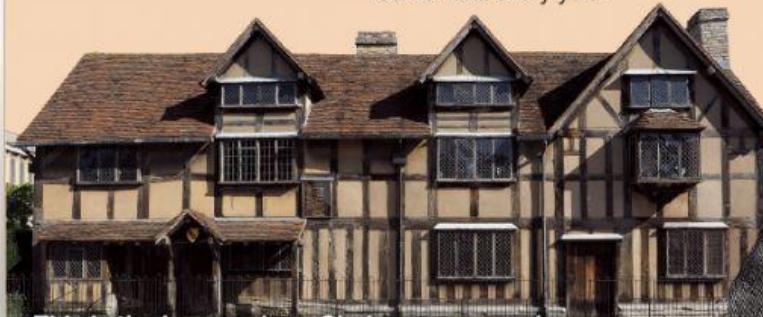


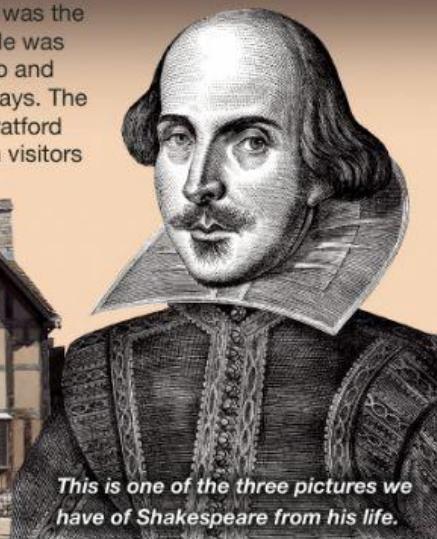
Stratford-upon-Avon

THE HOME OF
Shakespeare

The house which is in the photo was the home of William Shakespeare. He was the playwright who wrote Romeo and Juliet and many other famous plays. The town where he lived is called Stratford on Avon, and about three million visitors come here every year.



This is the house where Shakespeare was born.



This is one of the three pictures we have of Shakespeare from his life.

Presentation

Defining relative clauses

Use defining relative clauses to say exactly which person, thing, place or time we are talking about.

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Relative pronouns and relative adverbs

Use *which* for things, *who* for people and *that* for things and people.

Use *whose* for possessions, *where* for place and *when* for time.

Omitting the relative pronoun (*which*, *who*, *that*)

Subject of the relative clause

You always have to use the relative pronoun *which*, *who* or *that* when it is the subject of the defining relative clause (i.e. when it is followed by the verb).

Stratford-upon-Avon is famous because of the playwright who lived there.

(don't say *because of the playwright lived there.*)

Object of the defining relative clause

You don't have to use a relative pronoun (*who*, *which*, *that*) when it is the object of the relative clause (i.e. when it is followed by a noun or pronoun).

This is one of the three pictures which we have of Shakespeare.

or *This is one of the three pictures we have of Shakespeare.*

Exercises

1 Combine the sentences using the words in brackets.

1 Picasso was an artist. He was able to paint in many different styles. (who)

Picasso was an artist who was able to paint in many different styles.

2 This is the house. My grandfather was born here. (where)

3 4th April is the date. People in the USA remember Martin Luther King. (when)

4 Elvis lived in a house. It was called Graceland. (that)

5 Midnight on 31st December is a special time. Many people let off fireworks. (when)

6 The card is from a friend. She lives in Italy. (who)

7 This is an art gallery. You can see lots of famous paintings. (where)

8 This is a country. It has four national languages. (which)

2 Cross out the relative pronoun where possible.

1 This is the school uniform which I wore as a child.

2 That's the same man who we talked to earlier.

3 She's the actress that was in that other film with Hugh Jackman.

4 Over there is the factory which is going to close down.

5 This tree is the first of many which we hope to plant around the town.

6 Aren't you the student who asked to change classes?

3 Add the missing relative pronoun (who, which, whose, where) to the sentences where necessary.

1 It isn't a book I've read. ✓

5 *Gone with the Wind* is a film lasts for over four hours.

2 It isn't a book ^{which} interests me.

6 He's the man ^{whose} bag we found.

3 My grandfather is one of those people ^{who} never seems to look older.

7 That's a nightclub ^{where} lots of students like to go to on a Friday night.

4 She's a TV presenter I can't stand watching!

8 The piano is an instrument I'd like to be able to play.