

Grammar Practice

Unit 22: Relative Clauses

Read the theory and solve the activities.

- 1 Complete this email with *who* or *which*. If *who* or *which* can be left out, put it in brackets.

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To: Decor.trotter@kwikmail.co.uk
Subject: decorating job problems

Dear Mr Trotter,


I have a number of complaints about the work
(1) which your company did in my house during the past week.

You promised that the men (2) _____ carried out the work would arrive by 8.00. As I explained to you, I have to catch the bus (3) _____ leaves at 8.15. On three days the men arrived after eight, so I missed my bus and some of my customers, (4) _____ were waiting to talk to me, were extremely annoyed.

Your foreman lost the written instructions (5) _____ I gave him, none of (6) _____ he appears to have understood. The paint (7) _____ he used for the hall was the one (8) _____ should have been used in the kitchen. The sitting-room wallpaper, (9) _____ I had chosen with great care, is the wrong way up. My bathroom, (10) _____ you and I agreed did not need redecorating, has been painted.

These mistakes must be put right immediately. Please contact me as soon as possible.

Yours,
Cecil J. Trubshaw



- 2 Use a relative pronoun from the box and match the two halves of these sentences.

where when which which which who whose why

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| 1 I don't really enjoy films <u>which</u> | A you didn't tell me about your engagement. |
| 2 I often go to parties _____ | B I was late for school? |
| 3 My teacher usually explains vocabulary _____ | C show a lot of violence. |
| 4 Can you remember any occasion _____ | D speaks five languages? |
| 5 I can't understand the reason _____ | E involved working in the evenings. |
| 6 Have you ever met anyone _____ | F they play very loud music. |
| 7 I envy people _____ | G I don't understand. |
| 8 I would hate to have a job _____ | H parents buy a car for them. |

3 Choose the correct sentence from each pair.

- 1 a Have you ever been back to the town where you were born in?
b Have you ever been back to the town where you were born? ✓
- 2 a My left ankle which I broke last winter is still giving me trouble.
b My left ankle, which I broke last winter, is still giving me trouble.
- 3 a Is that the man you were talking about?
b Is that the man you were talking about him?
- 4 a I'm looking for the book you lent me last week.
b I'm looking for the book what you lent me last week.
- 5 a This expensive silk jacket, that I only bought last week, has lost three buttons.
b This expensive silk jacket, which I only bought last week, has lost three buttons.
- 6 a The laptops, two of which belonged to teachers, were taken from the school office.
b The laptops, two of them belonged to teachers, were taken from the school office.
- 7 a The friend that I want to introduce you to her is away this weekend.
b The friend I want to introduce you to is away this weekend.

4 Combine each pair of sentences by making the second sentence into a non-defining relative clause.

- 1 My aunt loves ice cream with chocolate sauce. She is rather greedy.
My aunt, who is rather greedy, loves ice cream with chocolate sauce.
- 2 My uncle's cottage has been damaged by floods. We usually spend our holidays there.

- 3 The chemistry exam was actually quite easy. We had been worrying about it.

- 4 My brother got into a fight near the school. His classmates had been teasing him.

- 5 There are dreadful traffic jams during the summer. Everyone goes on holiday then.

- 6 My parents enjoyed that film very much. They don't often go to the cinema.

5 Complete the sentences with these phrases.

all of whom none of whom most of which neither of which one of which

- 1 The company was founded by three brothers, all of whom became millionaires.
- 2 The thieves took my bike and my sister's, _____ was insured.
- 3 The four students, _____ spoke Spanish, had travelled all over South America.
- 4 We bought several computer games, _____ we had to return as it didn't work.
- 5 The in-flight entertainment consisted of foreign films, _____ had subtitles.

Exam practice

Reading and Use of English Part 4

For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

- 0 The same person bought the three paintings Katie had put in the exhibition.

WHICH

Katie had put three paintings in the exhibition, all of which were bought by the same person.

- 1 That's the hotel where we had lunch last Sunday.

IN

That's the hotel _____ last Sunday.

- 2 Being an airline employee, my sister sometimes gets cheap flights.

WORKS

My sister, _____, sometimes gets cheap flights.

- 3 I don't like Jim because he's so mean.

REASON

Jim's meanness _____ I don't like him.

- 4 Last week Gerry borrowed the book from me and now he's lost it.

I

Gerry's lost the _____ last week.

- 5 The concert which Ben took me to wasn't very enjoyable.

WENT

I didn't enjoy _____ to with Ben.

- 6 The mother of that boy is a well-known actress.

WHOSE

That's _____ a well-known actress.

Grammar focus task

Look at your answers to the exam task.

- 1 Which of the sentences you have written contain relative clauses? _____
- 2 Are they defining or non-defining relative clauses? _____
- 3 How do you know? _____

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