THEME 8

Relative Clauses

We use relative pronouns (who, which, that, whose) and relative adverbs (where, when) to introduce relative clauses.

who/ that	people
which/ that	things/ animals
whose	possession
where	places
when	time

Defining relative clauses give information that is necessary to understand what or who is being referred to.

He's the boy who/ that works at the butcher's.

The novel which/ that she wrote is fantastic.

She is my digital friend who/ that has the coolest avatar.

The girl whose father is a famous politician is a gifted pianist.

The restaurant where we had our dinner yesterday was extremely expensive.

I'll never forget the day when I first met Michael.

Non-defining relative clauses give extra information about the person or thing they refer to, so we use commas before and after non-defining relative clauses.

(We can't use the relative pronoun that in nondefining relative clauses.)

Mrs. Smith, who is our next-door neighbor, complains a lot about my dog.

Switzerland, which is a very small country, has almost no social problems.

Do you know my geography teacher, whose brother is a national athlete?

Antalya, where tourists have the holiday of a lifetime, is one of the most popular holiday destinations in our country.

- A. Read the following sentences. Which ones include non-defining relative clauses? Add commas where necessary.
- Simon's mother who lives in Liverpool has seven grandchildren.
- The movie which is about the life of a famous musician is on at all the cinemas in this city.
- 3. Have you talked to the woman whose son became the champion at the chess tournament yesterday?
- My friend Darren who went to the same primary school as me has just set up his own company.
- My brother was born in Ankara which is the capital of Turkey.
- **6.** 1998 is the year when my father started to work as a teacher.
- Paul's car which cost him a lot has broken down three times this month.
- B. Circle the correct alternative.
- 1. Is Moby Dick one of the novels who / which you have read?
- Madrid, where / which my aunt lives, is a very beautiful city.
- Monday is the day where / when many people feel stressed.
- My grandfather, who / whose is dead now, came from Wales.
- This cupboard, which / that is under the staircase, is so dirty.
- I'd like to talk to the boy who / whose mother is very ill.
- Brad Pitt, that / who is married to Angelina Jolie, is a handsome and talented actor.
- 8. These are the photographs which / where I took in Australia last summer.
- Mr. Cruise, who / whose grandson is one of my classmates, has just started to work with my uncle
- I liked the hotel where / which we stayed last weekend.

