

Relative sentences: defining and non-defining

A.- COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES WITH A SUITABLE RELATIVE PRONOUN.

1. That is the man _____ helped me when I fell down in the street.
2. Is that your car? No, mine is the one _____ is parked just opposite the bank.
3. That is the woman _____ complained about the room service.
4. This is the park _____ we first met. Do you remember?
5. So, James is the man _____ son came on the school trip with us? I didn't know.
6. If you have any question, ask the girl _____ is standing at the desk. She'll help you.
7. They had to put away the dog _____ bit the boy. It was too dangerous.
8. I'm looking for a person _____ surname begins with a "k".
9. Do you still go to that pub _____ we used to go as students?
10. The heating is not working. Do you know anyone _____ can fix it?

B.- WHICH SENTENCE IS CORRECT? CAN WE OMIT/ DROP THE PRONOUN? CAN WE USE *THAT*?

1. The girl is my sister. I'm talking to the girl.

OMIT

THAT

2. This is the chair. The carpenter repaired it last week.

OMIT

THAT

3. She is married to a man. He is richer than her.

OMIT

THAT

4. She is the friend. She helped me with my homework.

OMIT

THAT

5. That is the swimming-pool. I used to go swimming there.

OMIT

THAT

6. That is the man. His wife is a famous actress.

OMIT

THAT

7. A doctor examined me last Friday. He was really kind.

OMIT

THAT

8. The woman called the police. Her car had been stolen.

OMIT

THAT

9. I went to a restaurant last week. It was very expensive.

OMIT

THAT

10. I saw a film last night. It was very interesting.

OMIT

THAT

C.- ARE THESE RELATIVE CLAUSES DEFINING OR NON-DEFINING?

1. London, which is the capital of England, is one of the largest cities in the world.

DEFINING

NON-DEFINING

2. This is the dress my mother has made for me.

DEFINING

NON-DEFINING

3. Queen Elizabeth II, who is 83, has been the queen of England for 57 years now.

DEFINING

NON-DEFINING

4. That's the dog that bit me.

DEFINING

NON-DEFINING

5. Tom Cruise, who has starred a lot of films, is a famous American actor.

DEFINING

NON-DEFINING

6. The village where I grew up is very small.

DEFINING

NON-DEFINING

7. Greg, whose job involves travelling a lot, has been in nearly all the countries in the world.

DEFINING

NON-DEFINING

8. The office I have just rented is near my home.

DEFINING

NON-DEFINING

9. This is the officer that arrested the burglar.

DEFINING

NON-DEFINING

10. Lady Gaga, who is a well-known pop star, is only 24

DEFINING

NON-DEFINING

D.- CHOOSE THE RIGHT RELATIVE PRONOUN TO COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES.

1. Jim, _____ I've known for years, is my best friend.
2. My new coat, _____ I bought in New York, is very warm and comfortable.
3. My boss, _____ wife is French, travels to Paris regularly.
4. He didn't even say "thank you", _____ I found really rude.
5. Next summer I'm going to India, _____ I've never been before.
6. My sister, _____ is five years younger than me, is a lawyer.
7. Galileo Galilei, _____ supported the heliocentric theory, was arrested by the Inquisition.

E.- WHICH SENTENCE IS CORRECT? CAN WE OMIT/ DROP THE RELATIVE PRONOUN? CAN WE USE THAT?

1. My school is very big. It is in Madrid.

OMIT

THAT

2. Robert Pattinson is an actor. He plays Edward Cullen in the Twilight saga.

OMIT

THAT

3. Robert Pattinson is a British actor. He plays Edward Cullen in the Twilight saga.

OMIT

THAT

4. I bought this cake yesterday. It tastes delicious.

OMIT

THAT

5. Michael is a policeman. His father is a judge.

OMIT

THAT

6. I bought a computer last month. It doesn't work properly.

OMIT

THAT

7. Prince Charles will be the king of England one day. His mother is Queen Elizabeth.

OMIT

THAT

8. I was given a dog. It is very friendly.

OMIT

THAT

9. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn was written by Mark Twain. I enjoyed it a lot.

OMIT

THAT

10. Mrs Kelly is the woman. She took me to hospital when I fainted at school.

OMIT

THAT