

## RELATIVE CLAUSES

### 1. Complete the email with *who* or *which*:

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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 then match the 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 best option:

- 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.  
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- 5 a This expensive silk jacket, that I only bought last week, has lost three buttons.  
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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.  
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- 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.