

Relative clauses give more information about a person, thing, place, event, etc... We use them to avoid repeating information.

Example:

The Uros people make fires. The Uros people's fires are used for cooking
 = The Uros people make fires, **which** they use for cooking.

RELATIVE PRONOUN RELATIVE CLAUSE

Examples:

This is the bag **which** I bought yesterday

That is the school **where** I went

This is the house **which** will be demolished tomorrow

Those are the people **who** shouted

He is the man **whose** family were arrested

RELATIVE PRONOUNS

We use the following relative pronouns:

THAT/ WHICH - for things or animals

Example: A dog is a pet is quite common in Britain

WHO/ THAT – for people.

Example: I didn't invite that boy is next to Phil

WHERE – for places

Example: A library is a place you can borrow books

WHEN - for times

Example: There isn't a day I don't remember her

WHOSE – to show possession

Example: That girl father works with Peter is very friendly

⚠ **WHOSE** replaces a possessive pronoun (his, her, its, our, your, their)

Who his- / who their / who its ...

DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES give essential information about a noun. These sentences have **no commas**

Exercise. Join these sentences using relative clauses

She is the woman. We saw her near home

= This is the woman near home (3 words)

That is the bar. I forgot my bag there

= That is the bar my bag (3 words)

These are the children. They are naughty!

= These are (5 words)

This is the dog. It barks all night

= This (7 words)

This is the house. Its doors are all green

= This is (7 words)

OMISSION OF THAT, WHO and WHICH

We can omit the relative pronouns **that**, **who** or **which** only when they are the **object** of the sentence. Look at these sentences:

She is the woman. My dad works for her = She is the woman who my dad works for
OBJECT SUBJECT VERB

In this example, **who** is not the subject but the object, so it is generally omitted.

She is the woman ~~who~~ my dad works for

Exercise. Join these sentences using relative clauses and omit the pronoun when possible

She is the woman. She works for my dad = She

That is the car. My car hit it = That

That is the car. It hit my car = That is

Those are the glasses. I dropped them =

Those are the glasses. They fell =

This is the place. I met him there =

This is the place. Its decoration is awesome =

NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES give extra information about a noun. We use **commas** to separate the clause from the rest of the sentence.

⚠ We never use **that**

⚠ We never omit the pronoun

Exercise. Write down the main clause. What is the principal information?

John, who lives next door, studied in Manchester.

Mr Crawley, who is a really healthy man, runs 10 miles every day

The car, which was very old, broke down

I've just met Susan, whose husband lives in London

Exercise. Make up a suitable ending for each of the following non-defining relative clauses:

Walter O'Rourke,, is a rich man. His salary,

..... is around....., is just pocket money to Mr

O'Rourke, investments earn him about.....each year.

For him, working is more fun than relaxing in Florida,

Does the paragraph make sense without all the non-defining relative sentences?

The importance of commas. Read these sentences and choose the correct alternative

In one of these sentences, all the boys were 18

- a. All the boys who were 18 went in
- b. All the boys, who were 18, went in

In one of these sentences, all they boys went in

- a. All the boys who were 18 went in
- b. All the boys, who were 18, went in

In one of these sentences, all the students passed

- a. All the students who passed went on a trip
- b. All the students, who passed, went on a trip

In one of these sentences, not all the students went on a trip

- a. All the students who passed went on a trip
- b. All the students, who passed, went on a trip

In one of these sentences, not all the trees were old

- a. They cut all the trees which were old
- b. They cut all the trees, which were old

In one of these sentences, all the trees were cut

- c. They cut all the trees which were old
- d. They cut all the trees, which were old

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1	A song..... makes me want to dance is.....
2	The band.....music I love the most is.....
3	At times.....I feel sad I listen to.....
4	One film.....has really good music is.....
5	A musician.....I really admire is.....
6	The place.....I listen to music the most is.....
7	A singer.....has got a terrible voice is.....
8	The best track.....anyone released last year was.....

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1	In ... , ... the festival began, tickets were 5 pounds
2	James, ... , gave first festival-goers free sandwiches
3	On James' farm, ... , is usually home to bulls
4	In 1998, , popular
5	Glastonbury, ... 3 million pounds to charity, ...

 Page 53. Exercise 8. Write commas and the relative pronoun in these spaces. If commas are not necessary, leave a blank space.

Heavy metal music I love makes me feel energetic
 My best friend is a person musical taste is different from mine
 My parents like terrible music don't like any of my favourite
 The UK is the country the best music is made