Practice Exercises

A Combine the sentences into one sentence using relative clauses.

1. A phobia is an irrational fear of a specific object, situation, or activity. It is accompanied by an intense wish to escape.

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2. Agoraphobia is a phobia. It is a fear of open spaces. People most often seek treatment for it.

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3. Agoraphobia may be caused by stress. It is very difficult to treat. This may be connected to the cause of the phobia.

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4. Agoraphobia is a complex condition. We don't fully understand the causes of it and there is so single explanation for it.

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WORD BUILDING

The root word *phobia* means *fear* or *extreme dislike*. Use your dictionary to find the meanings of these words: *claustrophobia, xenophobia, arachnophobia.*

B Complete the passage by writing the letter of each relative clause in the correct place.

The Concept of Personal Space

Personal space is the invisible area of space [1]_____. This personal space is important as it protects us from other people, [2]_____. The boundaries of this space vary depending on the people [3]_____. It also varies according to the culture [4]_____. In countries [5]_____, you can cause offence by standing too close to another person. Conversely, people [6]_____, could cause offence in countries [7]_____. Research also suggests that there is a difference between the personal space of men and women. Women tend to have a smaller personal space with friends than with people [8]_____. Men, [9]_____, especially when interacting with other men, have a more similar size of space for people [10]_____.

a in which we live
b that they dislike
c they like and dislike
d where personal space is larger
e where personal space is smaller
f which is why we feel uncomfortable if the space is invaded
g that surrounds each individual person
h who stand too far away
i whose personal space is generally larger
j with whom we interact



STUDY TIP

Using relative clauses correctly will help you in the writing and speaking sections of the test. Review your written work and find places where you could combine sentences using relative clauses. You can use relative clauses in the speaking section, too. For example, in question 1 of the speaking section (personal experience) you might start your response as follows: *A person that I admire is ... A place that I like to visit is ... A subject that I would love to study is ...* . In question 2 (paired choice) you might include sentences such as: *People who travel alone don't have the chance to discuss their experiences, but people who travel with a friend can exchange opinions all the time. Traveling with a friend is something that I have always enjoyed because ...* .

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