

Grammar 1A

Defining relative clauses

Complete the text with the correct relative pronouns.

In the past, people (1) *who / which* didn't have access to telephones used to send urgent messages by telegram. A telegram was a short message (2) *who / which* was sent over long distances using a telegraph machine. The sender wrote down the message (3) *who / that* they wanted to send and took it to their local post office. There, the telegraph operator sent it using a special code. At the other end, there was another telegraph operator (4) *who / which* wrote the message down on a piece of paper (5) *who / which* was then delivered by hand to the recipient.

Nowadays, we have lots of different ways of contacting people quickly. Text messages, or SMS, are short written messages (6) *who / that* you send from your mobile phone. Real-time communication is communication (7) *who / which* happens very quickly, so the person (8) *which / who* you contact can reply straight away. Instant messaging is a system of real-time communication (9) *who / which* uses the internet to let you *chat* to another computer user (10) *who / which* is online in a kind of written conversation.

Grammar 1B

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Complete the definitions with a relative clause using *which* or *who*.

- 1 A 'newcomer' is a person. The person has recently started to live or work somewhere.
A 'newcomer' is a person _____ to live or work somewhere.
 - 2 A 'newborn' is a baby. The baby has just been born.
A 'newborn' is a baby _____ born.
 - 3 The 'New World' is the American continent. It was first visited by Europeans in the 16th century.
'The 'New World' is the American continent _____ by Europeans in the 16th century.
 - 4 A 'New Year's resolution' is a decision about things you will do or avoid. You make it on the first day of the year.
A 'New Year's resolution' is a decision _____ on the first day of the year about things you will do or avoid.
 - 5 An 'old banger' is a car. It is old and doesn't work very well.
An 'old banger' is a car _____ and doesn't work very well.
 - 6 An 'old hand' is a person. The person has been doing something for a long time and is good at it.
An 'old hand' is a person _____ something for a long time and is good at it.
 - 7 An 'old wives' tale' is a traditional belief. Many people think it is wrong or silly.
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