Unit 8: Exercise 4

Read the information. Then choose the correct relative pronouns to complete the sentences.

When deciding which *relative pronoun* to use in a relative clause, remember:

- For defining relative clauses that refer to a person or people, we usually use *who* or *that*. Note that we can use *whom* when the relative pronoun is the object of the clause: *She is a musician **who / whom** I admire greatly.*
- For defining relative clauses that refer to a thing or things, we usually use *which* or *that*.
- We sometimes use *when* in defining relative clauses to refer to a time, date, day or period, especially after phrases like *a time / a period / a day*, etc.: *It is a day when everybody decorates their houses with flowers.*
- We sometimes use *where* or *in which* in defining relative clauses to refer to a place or location: *I live in a place **where / in which** there are a lot of traditions.*
- The relative pronoun that indicates possession is *whose*.
- We cannot use *that* in non-defining relative clauses.

1 He's the professor [▾] gives lectures about local history and culture.

2 Mandarin is the dialect [▾] is most commonly spoken in China.

3 Blues is a style of music [▾] roots can be traced back to African American musical traditions, especially in the South of the USA.

4 Thanksgiving is a North American festival in [▾] people give thanks for the previous year's harvest.

5 That's the woman [▾] we saw giving a demonstration of folk dancing.

6 The Day of the Dead festival in Mexico is a time [▾] people traditionally visit the graves of friends or family members.

7 Bonfire Night, [▾] is on 5 November every year, commemorates the capture of Guy Fawkes and his failed attack on the British Houses of Parliament.

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8 The UK is one of the few countries in the world [▾] people drive on the left-hand side of the road.

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