



Reduced Relative Clauses

There are different ways to add information to noun phrases, without using a relative pronoun (which, who, that, etc)

The adverb **namely** and the phrase **that is** are used to add details about a noun phrase:

- This side effect of the treatment, **namely weight gain**, is counteracted with other drugs.
- The main cause of global warming, **that is the burning of fossil fuels**, is to be the focus of negotiations at the international conference.

We can also add information to a noun phrase using a participle clause beginning with an **-ing**, **-ed** or **being + -ed** verb form. These are often similar to *defining relative clauses*:

- The people **living next door** come from Italy. (or The people who are living next door ...)
- The weapon **used in the murder** has now been found. (or The weapon that was used ...)
- The prisoners **being released** are all women. (or The prisoners who are being released ...)

Note that **-ing** participle clauses correspond to defining relative clauses with an active verb, while **-ed** and **being + -ed** clauses correspond to defining relative clauses with a passive verb.

We can also use a **to-infinitive clause**, as in:

- Have you brought a book **to read**?
- My decision **to resign from the company** was made after a great deal of thought.
- I thought that the management's offer, **to increase staff holidays**, was a good one.

Make sentences by matching the beginnings (in i) to the endings (in ii) and adding appropriate information (from iii) after **namely** or **that is**. C

(i)

- 1 Leo Tolstoy's most celebrated novel,
- 2 The two countries having land borders with the USA,
- 3 The three most popular pets in Britain,
- 4 The capital of Estonia,
- 5 The largest island in the world,
- 6 The 'consumers' of education,

(ii)

- a are found in 25% of households.
- b covers over 2 million square kilometres.
- c should have ways of complaining about poor teaching.
- d have complained to the President about the new customs regulations.
- e was published in 1869.
- f is situated on the Gulf of Finland.

(iii)

Tallinn students
cats, dogs and rabbits
War and Peace
Mexico and Canada
Greenland

1 + e Leo Tolstoy's most celebrated novel, **namely War and Peace**, was published in 1869.

Complete the sentences with an **-ing**, **-ed** or **being + -ed** form of the verbs from the box. Then rewrite each sentence using a relative clause instead of the participle clause. **D**

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- 1 The man driving the bus is my brother. The man who is driving the bus is my brother.
- 2 I went to a reunion for students in the physics department during the 1990s.
- 3 As my aunt told me what she thought, I felt like a schoolboy by his headteacher.
- 4 There is a sign on the gate 'Entry forbidden'.
- 5 Across the river were some of the deer into the park in the 19th century.
- 6 Rivers into the Baltic Sea are much cleaner now than ten years ago.
- 7 The booklets as we speak will be on sale later this afternoon.
- 8 Anyone further information can see me in my office.