RELATIVE CLAUSE

A **relative clause** is a group of words that adds information about a noun in a sentence. It helps specify or describe the noun more clearly, often starting with words like **"who," "which," or "that."**

There are two main types of **relative clauses**:

DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSE

A defining relative clause is a group of words that provides **essential information about a noun**, helping to identify which person, thing, or idea is being referred to in a sentence. **They are not separated by commas.**

NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSE

These clauses provide **additional information about the noun** they modify, but this information is not crucial for understanding the noun's identity. **Non-defining relative clauses are set off by commas**.

Example: Defining Relative Clause

The car **that** is parked in front of the house is mine.

Example: Non-Defining Relative Clause

My brother, who lives in London, is coming to visit me.

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Exercise 1:

Identify whether the following sentences contain defining or non-defining relative clauses.

1 The girl who won the competition is my friend.

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2 My favorite author, who writes fantasy novels, will be at the book signing.

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3 The house that was built in the 19th century is now a museum.

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4 John, whose sister is a doctor, is studying engineering.

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5 The movie, which was released last week, is getting great reviews.

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Exercise 2:

Add an appropriate relative clause to the following sentences.

1. I have a friend _____ loves to travel.
2. The car _____ was parked in front of the store got a ticket.
3. The student _____ won the science fair received a scholarship.
4. My favorite restaurant, _____ is in the city center, serves delicious sushi.
5. We visited the museum _____ had recently undergone renovations.

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Exercise 3:
Remove the unnecessary relative clause Identify the unnecessary relative clause in each sentence and rewrite it without that clause.

1. **The dog, which is my neighbor's, barks all night.**

2. **The book that I borrowed from the library, which was recommended by my friend, was fascinating.**

3. **My brother, who is a lawyer, will be attending the conference.**

4. **The computer, which was purchased last year, is already outdated.**

5. **I have a friend who lives in Paris, which is known for its beautiful architecture**

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Exercise 4: Choose the correct option (A or B) to complete each sentence.

1 The car ____ was parked in the garage needs a new battery.

A that B which

2 Our cat, ____ has a unique pattern on its fur, is sleeping on the couch.

A that B which

3 The novel ____ I borrowed from the library is a bestseller.

A that B which

4 The restaurant, ____ is famous for its seafood dishes, is fully booked tonight.

A that B which

5 The reason ____ I'm late is because of heavy traffic.

A that B which

6 The company ____ I work for is expanding its operations.

A that B which

7 The project ____ was completed ahead of schedule impressed everyone.

A that B which

8 The old house ____ is at the end of the street is haunted.

A that B which

9 The dress ____ she wore to the party was stunning.

A that B which

10 The dog, ____ belongs to the Smiths, is very well-behaved.

A that B which

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