7.4 Grammar

Relative clauses

1 What are two things that you always carry with you? Are they your favourite objects?

2 7.10 Read the quiz questions below (1–10). Match them with Hannah's answers (a–j). Listen and check.

a The guy next door, Ben, is a friend who always listens.
b *We Will Rock You*, which is my dad's favourite, is in my head.
c The evening is best for me to work.
d Iceland, where there are loads of volcanoes, is a place I'd love to visit.
e My uncle Joe is the funniest person I know.
f Mr Ketling, who was my first teacher, was the most helpful.
g One thing which I'd rescue is my handheld console.
h One place where I like to relax is our youth club.
i A teddy bear, which my grandmother gave me, used to be my favourite.
j I eat olives any time I feel hungry.



What makes you YOU?

Name:

1 one thing which you would rescue in a flood
2 one person who you always have fun with
3 a place where you like to relax
4 one food that you often eat as a snack
5 the primary school teacher who helped you the most
6 a place where you want to go in the future
7 a friend who always listens
8 a toy that you loved when you were small
9 a song which you can't stop singing
10 the time of day when you work best

4 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of defining and non-defining relative clauses in the quiz and in Hannah's answers in Exercise 2.

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Defining relative clauses (essential information)
Ben is a friend who/that always listens.
One thing which/that I'd rescue is my handheld console.
Our youth club is one place where I like to relax.

Non-defining relative clauses (extra information)
Mr Kipling, who was my first teacher, was the most helpful.
We Will Rock You, which is my dad's favourite, is in my head.
Iceland, where there are loads of volcanoes, is a place I'd love to visit.

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WATCH OUT!
The woman who/that lives next door is my great-aunt.
(defining relative clause)
Mrs Baker, who/~~that~~ lives next door, is my great-aunt.
(non-defining relative clause)

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5 Rewrite the sentences using defining relative clauses.

1 Holly has a good friend. She lives next door.
Holly has a good friend who lives next door.
2 In Gran's house there's a picture. It's 100 years old.
3 This is the camera. My dad uses it on holiday.
4 There's a park. The children play in it.

6 Write sentences using non-relative clauses. Add commas where necessary.

1 Mrs Morris is sixty-seven. (who / be / Lucy's grandmother)
Mrs Morris, who is Lucy's grandmother, is sixty-seven.
2 Paddy uses his bike every day. (which / be / new)
3 Number 24 is an old house. (where / Molly / live)
4 They live in Park Street. (which / be / near the town centre)
5 Mr Jones often leaves the house early. (who / work / at the hospital)
6 Our school is very big. (which / be / two kilometres away)

YOUR WORLD

7 Make one true and one false sentence about your favourite place, music, object or food. Use relative clauses. In pairs, guess which of your partner's sentences is true and which is false.

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