

GRAMMAR Relative clauses

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.

1 ● Complete the sentences 1–5 with relative clauses a–e.

1 The house **e** has got a big garden.

2 The men **___** both had dark hair.

3 The car **___** is quite old.

4 There's a small café on the beach **___**.

5 Mrs Perks, **___**, is a dance teacher.

a where they sell really nice ice cream.

b which my mum drives

c who lives in my street

d that I saw near the bank

e that my parents want to buy

2 ●● Combine the sentences using relative clauses. Use *who*, *which* or *where*. Add commas where necessary.

1 My cousin is very good at football. He's three years older than me.

My cousin, **who is three years older than me**, is very good at football.

2 Edinburgh is about 600 kilometres from London. It's the capital of Scotland.

Edinburgh **_____** about 600 kilometres from London.

3 Jo showed me the house. She lived there when she was younger.

Jo showed me **_____** when she was younger.

4 We met a man. He grows vegetables for the market.

We met a man **_____** for the market.

5 Bournemouth is on the coast. My grandparents live there.

Bournemouth **_____** on the coast.

3 ●● Choose the correct answer.

Real friends?

Do you think of all the people ¹ ___ you know online as your friends? It seems that a lot of the people ² ___ use social media sites, such as Facebook, have over 200 online friends, compared to around fifty 'real' friends, ³ ___ they actually meet in real life. Facebook, ⁴ ___ was started in 2004, now has around 2.9 billion users worldwide, and a lot of people see it as a place ⁵ ___ they can meet new friends as well as keep in touch with old ones. Studies ⁶ ___ have looked at how people behave on social media sites have found that people are sometimes more honest and open online than they are in real life. But psychologists say, it is our ten or twelve closest relationships ⁷ ___ are the most important to us. So maybe it's still better to and meet your friends in the local park or café, ⁸ ___ you can talk face to face.

1 a which (b) who c where

2 a that b where c what

3 a which b that c who

4 a what b which c who

5 a where b that c which

6 a that b who c where

7 a who b where c which

8 a which b where c that

4 ●●● Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences. Remember to check for commas.

1 That's the café which we sometimes have lunch.
That's the café where we sometimes have lunch.

2 The prize what we won wasn't very exciting.

3 Sophie who is French can speak French and English.

4 Their car, that is over twenty years old, still works well.

5 I lent the book to Dan, which loves adventure stories.