THEME 8

Relative Clauses

We use relative pronouns (who, which, that, whose) and relative adverbs (where, when) to introduce relative clauses.

who/ that	people
which/ that	things/ animals
whose	possession
where	places
when	time

Defining relative clauses give information that is necessary to understand what or who is being referred to.

He's the boy who/ that works at the butcher's.

The novel which/ that she wrote is fantastic.

She is my digital friend who/ that has the coolest avatar.

The girl whose father is a famous politician is a gifted pianist.

The restaurant where we had our dinner yesterday was extremely expensive.

I'll never forget the day when I first met Michael.

Non-defining relative clauses give extra information about the person or thing they refer to, so we use commas before and after non-defining relative clauses.

(We can't use the relative pronoun *that* in non-defining relative clauses.)

Mrs. Smith, who is our next-door neighbor, complains a lot about my dog.

Switzerland, which is a very small country, has almost no social problems.

Do you know my geography teacher, whose brother is a national athlete?

Antalya, where tourists have the holiday of a lifetime, is one of the most popular holiday destinations in our country.

A. Read the following sentences. Which ones include non-defining relative clauses? Add commas where necessary.

1. Simon's mother who lives in Liverpool has seven grandchildren.
2. The movie which is about the life of a famous musician is on at all the cinemas in this city.
3. Have you talked to the woman whose son became the champion at the chess tournament yesterday?
4. My friend Darren who went to the same primary school as me has just set up his own company.
5. My brother was born in Ankara which is the capital of Turkey.
6. 1998 is the year when my father started to work as a teacher.
7. Paul's car which cost him a lot has broken down three times this month.

B. Circle the correct alternative.

1. Is Moby Dick one of the novels who / which you have read?
2. Madrid, where / which my aunt lives, is a very beautiful city.
3. Monday is the day where / when many people feel stressed.
4. My grandfather, who / whose is dead now, came from Wales.
5. This cupboard, which / that is under the staircase, is so dirty.
6. I'd like to talk to the boy who / whose mother is very ill.
7. Brad Pitt, that / who is married to Angelina Jolie, is a handsome and talented actor.
8. These are the photographs which / where I took in Australia last summer.
9. Mr. Cruise, who / whose grandson is one of my classmates, has just started to work with my uncle.
10. I liked the hotel where / which we stayed last weekend.

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