Relative Clauses

What is a relative clause?

A relative clause is a type of dependent clause that provides additional information about a noun. It usually begins with a relative pronoun such as who, whom, whose, which, or that.

Examples:

- **Commas**:

Example: My brother, who lives in Paris, is visiting next week.

- **Parentheses**:

Example: The new restaurant (which opened last month) has excellent reviews.

- **Dashes**:

Example: The old castle - which dates back to the 14th century - attracts thousands of tourists each year.

Activity 1: Which sentence has used a relative clause correctly?

1. **Which sentence is punctuated correctly?**
   A) My sister who lives in Boston sent me a package.
   B) My sister, who lives in Boston, sent me a package.
   C) My sister, who lives in Boston sent me a package.
   D) My sister who lives in Boston, sent me a package.

2. **Which sentence is punctuated correctly?**
A) The car which I bought last year, needs repairs.
B) The car, which I bought last year needs repairs.
C) The car (which I bought last year) needs repairs.
D) The car which, I bought last year, needs repairs.

3. **Which sentence is punctuated correctly?**
A) The ancient manuscript - which dates back to the 15th century - was discovered in a monastery.
B) The ancient manuscript - which dates back to the 15th century, was discovered in a monastery.
C) The ancient manuscript which dates back to the 15th century - was discovered in a monastery.
D) The ancient manuscript - which dates back to the 15th century was - discovered in a monastery.

4. **Which sentence is punctuated correctly?**
A) Teachers who love their job deserve recognition.
B) Teachers, who love their job, deserve recognition.
C) Teachers (who love their job deserve recognition).
D) Teachers who, love their job, deserve recognition.

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5. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
A) My uncle that lives abroad, sends me souvenirs.
B) My uncle, that lives abroad sends me souvenirs.
C) My uncle that, lives abroad, sends me souvenirs.
D) My uncle, that lives abroad, sends me souvenirs.

6. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
A) The CEO - whom everyone respects - made an important announcement.
B) The CEO - whom everyone respects, made an important announcement.
C) The CEO whom - everyone respects - made an important announcement.
D) The CEO whom everyone respects - made an important announcement.

7. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
A) The book (which was recommended by my teacher) became a bestseller.
B) The book which was recommended by my teacher) became a bestseller.
C) The book (which was recommended by my teacher became a bestseller.
D) The book (which was recommended by my teacher, became a bestseller.

8. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
A) The house, that I grew up in was recently sold.
B) The house that I grew up in was recently sold.
C) The house, that I grew up in, was recently sold.
D) The house that, I grew up in, was recently sold.

Activity 2: Add your own relative clause

1. The **museum**, _____,was crowded with visitors.
2. My **cousin**, _____, is coming to stay with us next week.
3. The **cake** (_____) disappeared quickly at the party.
4. The **dog** -_____- barked all night long.
5. The **books**, _____, need to be returned to the library.
6. The **mountain,** _____**,** attracts thousands of tourists every year.
7. The **computer** (_____) crashed during the presentation.
8. The **athlete** -_____-won three gold medals at the Olympics.
9. The **restaurant** (_____) has excellent reviews.
10. My **neighbor**, _____, helped me carry my groceries.

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