

# 10A GRAMMAR relative clauses: defining and non-defining

**a** Complete the article with *who*, *which*, *where*, or *whose*.

We asked students to tell us about their favourite things in life. This week, Elena, a student from Brazil, tells us about hers.

## A place

My favourite place in the world is the town <sup>1</sup> where I was born. I've travelled all over the world, but it's still the place <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I love the most.

## A song

A song...that's an easy one! It's *Yellow* by Coldplay, for two reasons. Firstly, it was the colour of the dress <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I was wearing the night I met my husband. Secondly, it was the song <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the DJ played as we danced.

## A number

The number <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I've chosen is the number nine. My grandmother, <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ used to live with us when I was a child, always asked me to get her a lottery ticket with this number. I think that's why I like it so much.

## A photo

I've chosen a black and white photo of my parents, <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I've had for about 20 years. Every time I look at it, I can see two happy people in their early twenties, <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lives were about to change forever. Why? Well, because my mum was pregnant with me in the photo!

## A person

My English teacher at school was the woman <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ inspired me to love languages. So, I've chosen her to be my favourite person.

## An animal

Animals? No question about it! The animals <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I like most are dogs.

## A shop

The shop <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I could spend all day would be one selling perfumes and cosmetics.

## An object

Finally, an object <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is very special to me is my engagement ring, because it used to belong to my husband's grandmother. It's beautiful.



**b** In which sentences could you also use *that*? In which sentences could you leave out *who* or *which*?

**c** Combine the two sentences using a non-defining relative clause.

1 Our neighbours have lived next door to us for 15 years. They're both teachers.

Our neighbours, who are both teachers, have lived next door to us for 15 years.

2 Sydney is well known for its Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Many people think it's the capital of Australia.

Sydney, \_\_\_\_\_, is well known for its Opera House and Harbour Bridge.

3 Our local post office has closed down. My grandmother used to work there.

Our local post office, \_\_\_\_\_, has closed down.

4 Pablo Picasso was one of the world's most famous artists. His best known painting is *Guernica*.

Pablo Picasso, \_\_\_\_\_, was one of the world's most famous artists.

5 The hurricane was the worst storm for over a century. It hit the city of New Orleans.

The hurricane, \_\_\_\_\_, was the worst storm for over a century.

6 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was an extremely talented composer. He died when he was 35.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, \_\_\_\_\_, was an extremely talented composer.