

## 12A Defining relative clauses

We use relative clauses to say which person, thing or place we are talking about.

*He's the actor who was Sherlock Holmes on TV.*

*It's a machine which makes bread.*

*That's the restaurant where I used to work.*

We use the relative pronouns *who* or *that* to talk about people.

*The man who sits next to me at work was ill today.*

*I saw the woman that works in the post office in the park.*

We use the relative pronouns *which* or *that* to talk about things.

*There are companies which organize weddings for people.*

*Luigi enjoys films that make him laugh.*

We use *where* to talk about places.

*I want to visit the stadium where Manchester United play football.*

*Jorge works in the hospital where I was born.*

### 12.2 defining relative clauses

#### To describe people

He's the teacher **who** taught me English.

Did you see the children **that** were singing?

#### To describe things

That's the dog **which** bit me on the leg.

I don't want a car **that** has a big engine.

#### To describe places

I'll meet you in the square **where** we met last time.

**Look!** *Who, which, that* and *where* refer to a person, thing or place that's already been mentioned, so we don't need to use another word again.

*Snakes are the animals which they kill most people each year.*

*I'd prefer to see the doctor who she saw me last time.*

*Ronald went to the cinema where we saw the Star Wars film there.*

**1 A** Complete the sentences with *who, which* or *where*.

1 Did you get the email \_\_\_\_\_ I sent you yesterday?

2 This is the nightclub \_\_\_\_\_ Nicola met her boyfriend.

3 There's a meeting at 2.00 p.m. for all employees \_\_\_\_\_ work in the Sales Department.

4 The office \_\_\_\_\_ she spends most of her time is in Kuala Lumpur.

5 The person \_\_\_\_\_ started this company is now a millionaire.

6 My father-in-law doesn't like films \_\_\_\_\_ are too violent.

**B** In which sentences could you also use *that*?

**2** Add the correct words: *who, which*, or *where*. Then match the halves to make sentences.

1 An umbrella is something **which** \_\_\_\_\_ f

2 A DJ is someone \_\_\_\_\_

3 A hospital is a place \_\_\_\_\_

4 A credit card is something \_\_\_\_\_

5 An enemy is a person \_\_\_\_\_

6 A passport is a document \_\_\_\_\_

7 A department store is somewhere \_\_\_\_\_

8 A selfie stick is something \_\_\_\_\_

9 A single parent is someone \_\_\_\_\_

10 A prison is a place \_\_\_\_\_

a you go when you're ill.

b you use when you travel abroad.

c you use to take a photo of yourself.

d brings up a child without a partner.

e criminals are sent.

f you use when it rains.

g plays music in a club or on the radio.

h you can buy lots of different things.

i someone hates.

j you use instead of cash to buy things.

**3** Combine the pairs of sentences using *who, which, that* or *where*. Remember not to use words that aren't necessary.

1 That's the restaurant. We're going there tonight.

*That's the restaurant where we're going tonight.*

2 I know the man. He lives in that house.

3 Did you enjoy the film? You watched it last night.

4 They're the neighbours. They have lots of parties.

5 We've booked a holiday in the hotel. We stayed there last summer.

6 My sister-in-law works for a company. It develops apps.

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