

# Relative sentences: defining and non-defining

A.- COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES WITH A SUITABLE RELATIVE PRONOUN.

1. That is the man \_\_\_\_\_ helped me when I fell down in the street.
2. Is that your car? No, mine is the one \_\_\_\_\_ is parked just opposite the bank.
3. That is the woman \_\_\_\_\_ complained about the room service.
4. This is the park \_\_\_\_\_ we first met. Do you remember?
5. So, James is the man \_\_\_\_\_ son came on the school trip with us? I didn't know.
6. If you have any question, ask the girl \_\_\_\_\_ is standing at the desk. She'll help you.
7. They had to put away the dog \_\_\_\_\_ bit the boy. It was too dangerous.
8. I'm looking for a person \_\_\_\_\_ surname begins with a "k".
9. Do you still go to that pub \_\_\_\_\_ we used to go as students?
10. The heating is not working. Do you know anyone \_\_\_\_\_ can fix it?

B.- WHICH SENTENCE IS CORRECT? CAN WE OMIT/ DROP THE PRONOUN? CAN WE USE *THAT*?

1. The girl is my sister. I'm talking to the girl.

OMIT  

THAT  

2. This is the chair. The carpenter repaired it last week.

OMIT  

THAT  

3. She is married to a man. He is richer than her.

OMIT  

THAT  

4. She is the friend. She helped me with my homework.

OMIT  

THAT  

5. That is the swimming-pool. I used to go swimming there.

OMIT  

THAT  

6. That is the man. His wife is a famous actress.

OMIT  

THAT  

7. A doctor examined me last Friday. He was really kind.

OMIT  

THAT  

8. The woman called the police. Her car had been stolen.

OMIT  

THAT  

9. I went to a restaurant last week. It was very expensive.

OMIT  

THAT  

10. I saw a film last night. It was very interesting.

OMIT  

THAT  

C.- ARE THESE RELATIVE CLAUSES DEFINING OR NON-DEFINING?

1. London, which is the capital of England, is one of the largest cities in the world.

**DEFINING**

**NON-DEFINING**

2. This is the dress my mother has made for me.

**DEFINING**

**NON-DEFINING**

3. Queen Elizabeth II, who is 83, has been the queen of England for 57 years now.

**DEFINING**

**NON-DEFINING**

4. That's the dog that bit me.

**DEFINING**

**NON-DEFINING**

5. Tom Cruise, who has starred a lot of films, is a famous American actor.

**DEFINING**

**NON-DEFINING**

6. The village where I grew up is very small.

**DEFINING**

**NON-DEFINING**

7. Greg, whose job involves travelling a lot, has been in nearly all the countries in the world.

**DEFINING**

**NON-DEFINING**

8. The office I have just rented is near my home.

**DEFINING**

**NON-DEFINING**

9. This is the officer that arrested the burglar.

**DEFINING**

**NON-DEFINING**

10. Lady Gaga, who is a well-known pop star, is only 24

**DEFINING**

**NON-DEFINING**

D.- CHOOSE THE RIGHT RELATIVE PRONOUN TO COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES.

1. Jim, \_\_\_\_\_ I've known for years, is my best friend.
2. My new coat, \_\_\_\_\_ I bought in New York, is very warm and comfortable.
3. My boss, \_\_\_\_\_ wife is French, travels to Paris regularly.
4. He didn't even say "thank you", \_\_\_\_\_ I found really rude.
5. Next summer I'm going to India, \_\_\_\_\_ I've never been before.
6. My sister, \_\_\_\_\_ is five years younger than me, is a lawyer.
7. Galileo Galilei, \_\_\_\_\_ supported the heliocentric theory, was arrested by the Inquisition.

E.- WHICH SENTENCE IS CORRECT? CAN WE OMIT/ DROP THE RELATIVE PRONOUN? CAN WE USE *THAT*?

1. My school is very big. It is in Madrid.

OMIT  

THAT  

2. Robert Pattinson is an actor. He plays Edward Cullen in the Twilight saga.

OMIT  

THAT  

3. Robert Pattinson is a British actor. He plays Edward Cullen in the Twilight saga.

OMIT  

THAT  

4. I bought this cake yesterday. It tastes delicious.

OMIT  

THAT  

5. Michael is a policeman. His father is a judge.

OMIT  

THAT  

6. I bought a computer last month. It doesn't work properly.

OMIT  

THAT  

7. Prince Charles will be the king of England one day. His mother is Queen Elizabeth.

OMIT  

THAT  

8. I was given a dog. It is very friendly.

OMIT  

THAT  

9. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn was written by Mark Twain. I enjoyed it a lot.

OMIT  

THAT  

10. Mrs Kelly is the woman. She took me to hospital when I fainted at school.

OMIT  

THAT  