



Unit 7

Relative Clauses

Do you celebrate similar holidays or traditions in your country?

HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS



Saint Patrick's Day
March 17th

People of Irish background wear green to celebrate their culture with parades, dancing, parties, and special foods.

Day of the Dead

November 2nd

Mexicans make playful skeleton sculptures and bake *pan de muerto* – bread of the dead.



Thanksgiving

November

In the United States, families get together, have a traditional meal, and give thanks for life and health.



Chinese New Year
January or February

Chinese people celebrate the lunar new year with fireworks and dragon dances.



What other special days do we have in Chile?

What is your favorite holiday or festival?

Grammar Introduction: Relative Clauses

Read these comments about special days of the year. Match them to the correct pictures.

____ **1.** "My favorite celebration is Mother's Day. It's a day when my husband and my kids make pancakes for me – just like I used to make for my mom – and I get to have breakfast in bed."

____ **2.** "February 14th is the day when people give cards and presents to the ones they love. I'm really looking forward to Valentine's Day! I already have a gift for my boyfriend."

____ **3.** "New Year's Eve is a night when I have fun with my friends. We usually have a big party. We stay up all night and then go out for breakfast in the morning."



Grammar 1: Relative clauses of Time

EXAMPLES:

New Year's Eve is *a night when* I have fun with my friends.

Mother's day is *a day when* my kids make pancakes for me.

February 14th is *the day when* people give cards to the ones they love.

How much do you know about these times? Complete the sentences in column A with information from column B. Then compare with a partner.

A

1. Mother's Day is a day when _____
2. New Year's Eve is a night when _____
3. April Fools' Day is a day when _____
4. Valentine's Day is a day when _____
5. Labor Day is a day when _____
6. Summer is a time when _____

B

- a. people sometimes play tricks on friends.
- b. people celebrate their mothers.
- c. many people like to go to the beach.
- d. people in many countries honor workers.
- e. people express their love to someone.
- f. people have parties with family and friends.

Complete these sentences with your own information. Then compare with a partner.

Winter is the season . . .

Birthdays are days . . .

Spring is the time of year . . .

Children's Day is a day . . .

July and August are the months . . .

A wedding anniversary is a time . . .

Listening

Time for Carnival!



Carnival in Brazil

- ▶ **A** Listen to Vanessa talk about her trip to Carnival in Brazil. Write three facts about Carnival that she mentions.
- ▶ **B** Listen again and answer these questions about Vanessa's experience.

Why did she have to book her hotel six months early?

What happened when Vanessa got lost?

What was her favorite thing about Carnival? Why?

Grammar 2: Defining Relative Clauses using WHO, WHICH and WHERE

- We use defining relative clauses to explain what a person, thing or place is or does.
 - 1 Use *who* for a person.
 - 2 Use *which* for a thing.
 - 3 Use *where* for a place.
- The verb after *where* needs a subject, e.g. *you*.
- We can also use *which* to talk about a place, e.g. *A post office is a place which sells stamps.*

that

We can use *that* instead of *who* or *which*.

*She's the girl **who** / **that** works with my brother.*

*It's a thing **which** / **that** connects two computers.*

Examples



A Royal Guard is a person **who** protects members of the royal family.

A totem is an emblem or badge **which** was carved after an animal or plant representing a family, clan, or tribe.



A ramada is place **where** people can dance and eat typical Chilean food.

a Complete the definitions with **who, which, or where**.

A postman is the person who brings you your parcels and letters.

- 1 An octopus is an animal lives in the sea and has eight legs.
- 2 A lawnmower is a machine cuts the grass.
- 3 A surgeon is a doctor does operations.
- 4 A changing room is a room people try on clothes.
- 5 A porter is the person helps you with your luggage.
- 6 Garlic is a kind of food keeps vampires away.
- 7 A garage is a place mechanics repair cars.

b Write sentences with **who, which, or where.**

She / the woman / catch the same bus as me

She's the woman who catches the same bus as me.

- 1 That / the dog / always barks at night
- 2 That / the shop / I bought my wedding dress
- 3 He / the actor / was in the last James Bond film
- 4 They / the children / live next door to me
- 5 This / the restaurant / they make great pizza
- 6 That / the switch / controls the air conditioning
- 7 He / the teacher / teaches my sister
- 8 That / the room / we have our meetings
- 9 This / the light / is broken