# **Defining and non-defining relative clauses**

## **Exercise 1:**

Read each sentence and identify whether the relative clause is defining or non-defining. Write "**D**" for defining and "**ND**" for non-defining.

1: The book that you lent me was fascinating.

2: My brother, who lives in Canada, is coming to visit.

3: The car which broke down yesterday is still not fixed.

4: The teacher, who is very kind, helped me with my homework.

5: The house that is at the end of the street is for sale.

6: The movie, which won several awards, was directed by a newcomer.

## **Exercise 2:**

Combine the following pairs of sentences using **defining relative clauses**.

1: I have a friend. She is a great musician.

2: The laptop is on the table. It belongs to my sister.

3: There is a park. Children love to play there.

4: The restaurant is very popular. It serves Italian food.

5: I know a man. His son is a famous actor.

## **Exercise 3:**

Combine the following pairs of sentences using **non-defining relative clauses**.

1: My aunt is coming to visit. She is a doctor.

2: Paris is a beautiful city. It is known for its art and culture.

3: The novel was a bestseller. It was written by an unknown author.

4: John is going to London. He has never been there before.

5: My dog is very friendly. He is a Labrador.

## **Exercise 4:**

Add a defining or non-defining relative clause to each of the following sentences.

1: I met a woman \_...\_.

2: The car \_...\_ is very fast.

3: My parents \_...\_ are traveling to Spain next week.

4: The museum \_...\_ has an excellent collection of modern art.

5: My best friend \_...\_ is getting married in June.

## **Exercise 5:**

Each of the following sentences contains a mistake in the use of relative clauses. Correct the mistake.

1: The man which you saw at the party is my uncle.

2: My sister, who you met yesterday, is an engineer.

3: The movie whose we watched last night, it was amazing.

4: The artist, that painted this picture, is very talented.

If you want to have your answers checked, send this document to Mr Du Buisson ([marc.dubuisson@sibu.ch](mailto:marc.dubuisson@sibu.ch))