

## Defining relative clauses

I can use defining relative clauses.

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

- 1 That's the hospital where my dad works.
- 2 He is someone whose face is familiar, but I can't remember his name.
- 3 Do you know a shop where I can buy printer paper?
- 4 The essay whose Tom wrote got top marks.
- 5 The boy who sits next to me in class is from Warsaw.
- 6 I know a girl who plays tennis six times a week.

## 2 Circle the correct relative pronouns. If both answers are correct, circle both.

Amelia Humphress is a young entrepreneur who / which has just turned 24, and whose / who aim is to make her company Steer, the best in the world for teaching people how to make their own websites. The courses which / that she offers vary from web design to computer coding. The idea for the company came to her when she was looking for a course where / which she could learn about web design. It was a plan that / which grew slowly, and at first she lacked the confidence to start the company. But she found an office where / that she could start the business, and the business grew quickly. She thinks that more young people should set up their own businesses and that it's often a lack of confidence that who holds them back.

## 3 Some of the sentences are incorrect. Rewrite them correctly. Tick the correct sentences.

- 1 A computer is a machine that can perform calculations.
- 2 This is the town where I was born there.   
This is the town where I was born there
- 3 That's the woman who she dropped her handbag.   
That's the woman who dropped her handbag
- 4 The cheese which I bought smell really bad.   
The cheese which I bought smells really bad
- 5 That's the boy who his dad is a newsagent.   
That's the boy whose his dad is a newsagent
- 6 Where's the book which I left it on the table?   
Where's the book which I left on the table?

4 Join the two sentences with a relative pronoun (**who**, **which**, **where**, or **whose**).

- 1 I've lost the DVD. You gave it to me.  
I've lost the DVD which you gave me.
- 2 Jo has an expensive car. She keeps it in the garage.  
Jo has an expensive car, which she keeps it in the garage

- 3 Who's that man? He's looking at us.  
Who's that man who looking at us.

- 4 I opened the cupboard. We keep the glasses there.  
I opened the cupboard where keep the glasses.

- 5 That's the girl. I saw you with her.  
That's the girl who I saw with.

- 6 Who is the boy? You copied his homework.  
Who is the boy whose homework you copied?

- 7 Website designer is a job. It attracts young people.  
Website designer is a job which attracts young people

## 5 Complete questions 1–8 with clauses a–h. Add a relative pronoun only where necessary.

- 1 Is this the phone you used to text me?
  - 2 What's the name of the hotel you introduced me to a few days ago?
  - 3 Is Jake the boy who show lots of initiative?
  - 4 This is the jacket I wore to Beth's party?
  - 5 Do you like people who meet Sam?
  - 6 Can you fetch the DVD that is on the shelf in the living room?
  - 7 Is that the woman whose husband works in France?
  - 8 Is that the cafe where we stayed last summer?
- a I wore to Beth's party.  
 b show lots of initiative?  
 c you used to text me?  
 d you introduced me to a few days ago?  
 e husband works in France?  
 f is on the shelf in the living room?  
 g we stayed last summer?  
 h you met Sam?

# Non-defining relative clauses

I can use non-defining relative clauses.

## 1 Complete the sentences with the relative pronouns below.

where which who whose

- 1 The company's US offices are in Seattle, Which is near the border with Canada.
- 2 I've applied for a job at the BBC, Whose my mum used to work.
- 3 At the job interview, she met Jack White, Where father started the company.
- 4 The company has three hundred employees, Who work in three different offices.

## 2 Complete the text with the relative clauses (a–f).



Google is famous for providing fantastic working conditions for its employees, <sup>1</sup>  . But what qualities do you need to get a job at Googleplex in California, <sup>2</sup>  ? The answer may surprise you. Laszlo Block, <sup>3</sup>  , is in charge of finding new employees for Google, <sup>4</sup>  . He is not looking for people who describe themselves as 'intelligent and experienced', <sup>5</sup>  . In Block's opinion, people who describe themselves as intelligent think they know the answers already. This limits their curiosity and flexibility, <sup>6</sup>  .

- a which are two qualities that most other companies value highly **6a**
- b where the company has its main headquarters **2b**
- c which receives around 2.5 million CVs every year **1c**
- d who enjoy free leisure facilities (gyms, swimming pools, video games, etc.) and free meals **4d**
- e which makes them unsuitable for a company like Google **5e**
- f whose job title is 'senior vice-president for people operations' **3f**

## 3 Four of these sentences contain mistakes. Underline and correct the mistakes. Tick the two correct sentences.

- 1 For twenty years, I worked in New York, where is a really exciting city. Which
- 2 At the age of nineteen, she published her first novel, that won several awards. Who
- 3 At the party, I met Luke's wife, who's the CEO of a large cosmetics company. Whose
- 4 After my degree, I did a professional qualification, which lasted two years.
- 5 The company's head office is in Tokyo, which house prices are extremely high.
- 6 On my first day, I became friends with a girl called Ava, who's desk was next to mine. Whose

## 4 Rewrite the sentences as one sentence with a non-defining relative clause. Sometimes there are two possible answers.

- 1 My uncle worked on a farm. He lived in Italy.  
My uncle, who lived in Italy, worked on a farm. OR  
My uncle, who worked on a farm, lived in Italy.
- 2 The car factory is closing down. Three hundred local people work there.  
The car factory, where three hundred local people work, is closing down  
The car factory, in which three hundred local people work, is closing
- 3 He was very nervous during his first interview. It was at *The Times* newspaper.  
During his first interview, which was at the times newspaper, he was very nervous  
He was very nervous during his first interview, which was at the Times newspaper  
newspaper.

- 4 My next door neighbour works as a gardener. She's a qualified doctor.  
My next door neighbour, who works as a gardener, is a qualified doctor.  
My next door neighbour, whose job is as a gardener, is a qualified doctor.

- 5 She had prepared well for the job interview. It lasted nearly two hours.  
She had prepared well for the job interview, which lasted nearly two hour.

- 6 Our French teacher wants to move to France and open a hotel. Her husband is from Paris.  
Our French teacher, whose husband is from Paris, wants to move to France

- 7 My cousin did a second degree in computer science. Her first degree was in maths.

My cousin, whose first degree was in maths, did a second degree in computer science.

My cousin, who did her first degree was in maths, did a second degree in computer science.

- 8 I wrote an application letter. I forgot to post it.  
I wrote an application letter, which I forgot to post it.  
I wrote an application letter, whose posting I forgot.