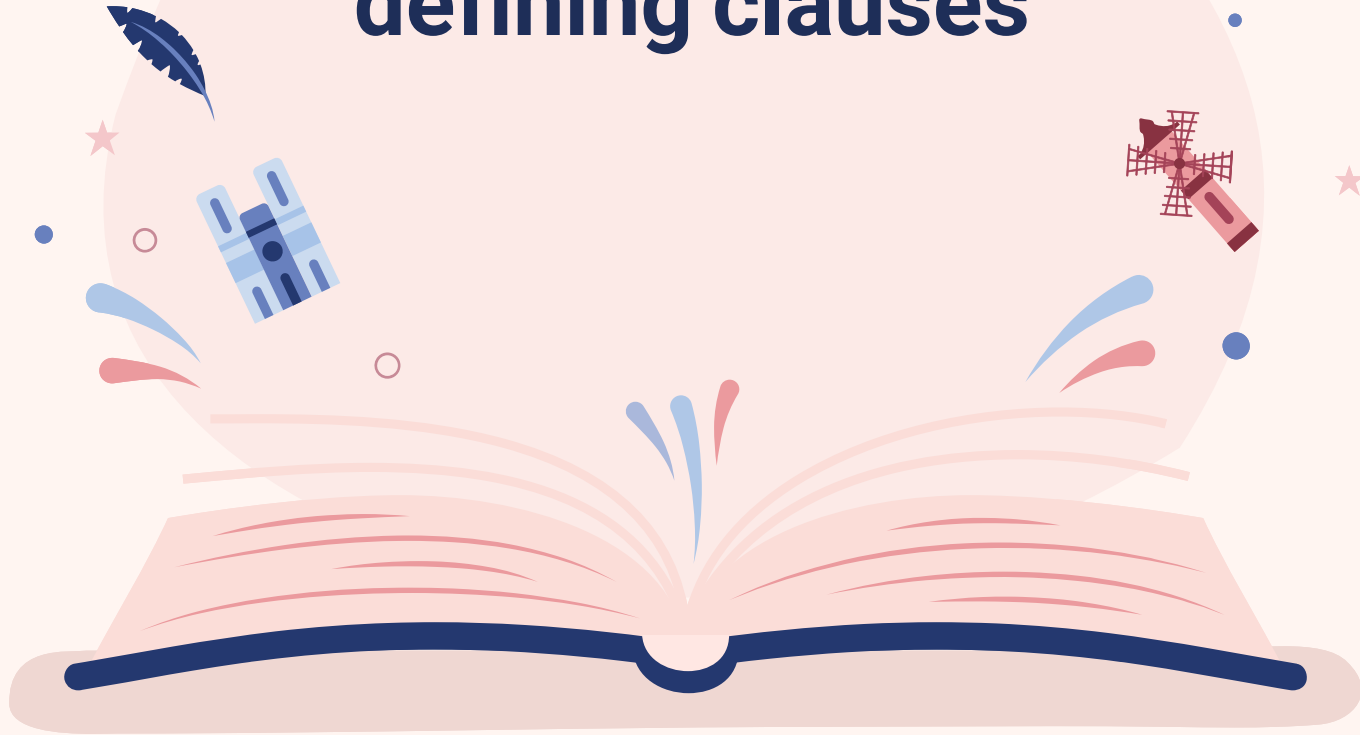


# Defining and non defining clauses



**2. - Combine the following sentences using relative pronouns.**



a) Al Gore gave a long and boring speech. He won the Nobel Prize.

Al Gore, .....

b) Starbucks wants to open new stores in China. It does business all over the world.

Starbucks, .....

c) Social network sites will definitely change business. They are very popular.

Social network sites, .....

d) Last week, Jim Taylor interviewed Sally Thomson. She is my neighbour.

Last week, Jim Taylor ....., .....

e) Mr Brown has been invited to join our club. He enjoys going to the theatre.

Mr Brown, .....

f) Whiting House is an important local monument. It was built in 1856.

The white house, .....

g) Bono signed autographs at Tower Records yesterday. He's a famous musician.

Bono, .....

h) John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. He was president of the USA.

John F. Kennedy, .....

i) The Queen will open a new hospital. It is in Jarvis Street.

The Queen will ....., .....



1. Apples are healthier than chips. (healthy)
2. Elephants are \_\_\_\_\_ (big) than bears.
3. Gold is \_\_\_\_\_ than silver. (expensive)
4. Bikes are \_\_\_\_\_ than cars. (slow)
5. I am \_\_\_\_\_ at English than my brother. (good)
6. My friend is \_\_\_\_\_ than me. (tall)
7. Sandy is \_\_\_\_\_ than Tamara. (thin)
8. My father is \_\_\_\_\_ than Tom's father. (strong)
9. "Harry Potter "books are \_\_\_\_\_ than "The Book of the Jungle". (interesting)
10. The tiger is \_\_\_\_\_ than a fox. (heavy)
11. The weather is \_\_\_\_\_ than yesterday. (hot)

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12. The girls are \_\_\_\_\_ than the boys. (happy)
13. Berta is \_\_\_\_\_ than Debby. (beautiful)
14. French is \_\_\_\_\_ than English. (difficult)
15. Tina is 5 years old. Sandra is 10 years old. Sandra is \_\_\_\_\_ than Tina. (old)
16. Russia is \_\_\_\_\_ than France. (large)
17. I am \_\_\_\_\_ at maths than my best friend. (bad)
18. Love is \_\_\_\_\_ than money. (important)
19. His car is \_\_\_\_\_ than mine. (cheap)
20. The first movie is \_\_\_\_\_ than the second. I don't recommend it. (boring)

<b>That</b>	Related to people, things, and animals	This is the car <b>that</b> was stolen.
<b>When</b>	Deal with time	Today is the day <b>when</b> she will come to the resort.
<b>Where</b>	Deal with places	This is the place <b>where</b> I have seen him.
<b>Which</b>	Related to objects and animals	Now you need shoes— <b>but</b> which ones?
<b>Who</b>	Relates to Subject	The Teacher <b>who</b> teaches science is from china.
<b>Whom</b>	Relates to Object	He saw the kind faces of those <b>whom</b> he loved.
<b>Whose</b>	Refers possession	The man <b>whose</b> pen just dropped should go out.
<b>Why</b>	Refers reason	I know <b>why</b> the girls were making noise tomorrow.

	Meaning	Example Sentences
<b>Who</b>	Relates to people (Subject)	The musician who wrote this song is French.
<b>Whom</b>	Relates to people (Object)	I know the boy whom sits next to you.
<b>Which</b>	Relates to animals and objects	This is the cake which Mary made.
<b>Why</b>	Refers to reason	Do you know the reason why the market is closed today?
<b>When</b>	Refers to time	The day when the concert takes place is Saturday.
<b>Where</b>	Refers to places	This is the house where my son was born.
<b>Whose</b>	Refers to possession	The boy whose phone just rang should stand up.
<b>That</b>	Relates to people, animals and things	12th September is the date that I was born.

1. A burglar is a person **who / that / where** breaks into houses and steal things.
2. The CSI are the people **who / that / where** investigate a crime scene.
3. A forensic laboratory is the place **who / that / where** evidence is sent for analysis.
4. The police are the people **who / that / where** seal off the crime scene.
5. Fingerprints and DNA are evidence **who / that / where** the CSI look for at crime scenes.



6. DNA is material **who / that / where** is found in blood, saliva, hair and skin.

7. Sherlock is a detective **who / that / where** solved the crime.

8. This is the safe **who / that / where** the jewels were kept.



9. That's the room **who / that / where** the robbery took place.

10. This is the brick **who / that / where** the thief used to break the window.



# DEFINING VS NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

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## DEFINING

### NO COMMAS

**NECESSARY INFORMATION.** Essential to distinguish which thing or person we are talking about.

*I called my brother **who lives in Ontario**.*

(=I have more than one brother and I called the one that lives in Ontario)

### WE CAN USE THAT

We **CAN** use **THAT** instead of **WHO/WHICH**.

*That's the mug **WHICH/THAT** I bought in Paris.  
I didn't know the man **WHO/THAT** was there.*

### RELATIVE PRONOUNS CAN BE OMITTED

We **CAN** omit **WHO/WHICH/THAT** when they are followed by **SUBJECT + VERB**

*Do you like the song **(WHICH/THAT)** I wrote?  
That's the man **(WHO/THAT)** I like.*

## NON-DEFINING

### BETWEEN COMMAS

**EXTRA INFORMATION.** Not necessary to distinguish which thing or person we are talking about.

*My brother, **who lives in Ontario**, is older.*

(=I have only one brother and I'm just mentioning that he lives in Ontario)

### WE CANNOT USE THAT

We **CANNOT** use **THAT** instead of **WHO/WHICH**.

*These bikes, **WHICH** cost a fortune, are made in Japan. (NOT ~~that cost a fortune~~)*

### RELATIVE PRONOUNS CANNOT BE OMITTED

We **CANNOT** omit **WHO/WHICH**

*They introduced me to John, **who** I liked immediately. (NOT ~~John, I liked immediately~~)*



## **Defining relative clauses**

**give us essential information about a subject or an object of the main clause.**

- **The man who is our host is Irish.**
- **Why don't you ask the boy who's sitting next to you?**

## **Non-defining relative clauses**

**give us extra information about a subject or an object of the main clause.**

- **Rob and Simona, who are cousins, go to the same class.**
- **My mother, who comes from Wales, likes cooking.**

- **The boy who bullied other children was punished.**
- **We bought a TV which was quite inexpensive.**
- **This is the man whose dog is a champion.**
- **There is a man at the door who wants to see you.**
- **Tom, who was very hungry, couldn't wait any longer for his break.**
- **I couldn't find the number I needed in that directory, which I was phoning from.**
- **My boss, who noticed that I looked tired, gave me a day off.**
- **We saw a few cars, which we liked a lot, at the car fair.**



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