

RELATIVE CLAUSES

PEOPLE	who / that / whom*
THING	which / that
POSSESSION	whose
PLACE	where
SUBJECT/ OBJECT	what

* WHOM is not very frequent: only in formal English when the object is a person.
→ *I gave the envelope to whom you told me.*

□ DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

Those are the children who / that live next door.
I like the present which / that / -- you gave me.

□ NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

Shakespeare, who was born in Stratford, wrote very famous plays.
My new computer, which I bought last month, is fantastic.

Rewrite the sentences using a relative pronoun:

1. Christopher Columbus was the sailor who/ that discovered America.
2. This food has an ingredient _____ is very sweet.
3. The lady _____ son plays football with me is the headmaster of my school.
4. The shop didn't have _____ I wanted.
5. The house _____ I was born is now for sale.
6. Keith, _____ is married to Melanie, was born in Manchester.
7. _____ we found was a box full of old books.
8. D.H. Lawrence, _____ was an English author, wrote many interesting novels.
9. The Prado Museum, _____ is in Madrid, is one of the best art galleries in the world.
10. She is the director _____ first film won a Goya.
11. I like books _____ have romance and adventure.
12. London, _____ is on the river Thames, is the capital of the UK.
13. _____ we saw surprised us.
14. My wife prefers to visit places _____ there is plenty to see.
15. Paris is _____ my parents went for their honeymoon.
16. Last night I went to see a film _____ my cousin told me about. It was terrible!
17. Fiona, _____ I met on holiday last summer, is also coming to the party.
18. Tim owns the restaurant _____ we ate last night.

Join each pair of sentences with a relative clause:

1. Last night we met a man. He was from Australia.
Last night we met a man who/ that was from Australia.
2. Yesterday we found a wallet. It was empty.
_____.
3. Michaelangelo was a famous artist. He painted the Sistine Chapel.
_____.
4. She's bought a CD. It is broken.
_____.

Write definitions for these people, things and places.

1. An architect is someone who / that designs buildings.
2. A bank is a place _____.
3. A computer is something _____.
4. An archaeologist _____.
5. A fridge _____.
6. A library _____.

Join each pair of sentences using non-defining relative clauses,

1. Madonna is a popular pop singer. She was born in the USA.
Madonna, who is a popular pop singer, was born in the USA.
2. His grandparents live in Huesca. They are school teachers.
_____.
3. Victoria Station is situated near Buckingham Palace. It is one of the most famous railway stations in London.

_____.
4. Guernica was painted by Picasso. It is exhibited in Madrid.
_____.
5. My friend Luis has lived in many exotic countries. He works for the government.
_____.
6. Sharon is a wonderful cook. She works with my cousin.
_____.

Correct the mistakes in these sentences:

1. Joan won the prize, that surprised me a lot.
2. The children, that were playing football, broke one of my windows.
3. The house in that I was born has just been demolished.
4. Fred is the man who he lives next door.
5. The books which they are on the table are mine.
6. She told me that I had to do.

Combine the two sentences using a relative clause:

1. Liverpool has about half a million inhabitants. It is near Manchester.
Liverpool, which has about 500 000 inhabitants, is near Manchester.
2. St Michael's Church dates from the 14th century. It's a fine building.
_____.
3. Diamond is a very hard substance. It is used for cutting.
_____.
4. Michael is a bus-driver. Her daughter is my workmate.
_____.
5. Sally was born in Brighton. She works for a company there.
_____.
6. There is a pub in that building. We used to go there on Saturdays.
_____.
7. The Prince of Wales has 2 sons. He is going to be the next king of the UK.
_____.
8. Frank lives at the end of the street. He is an excellent musician.
_____.