

1º BACHILLERATO

RELATIVE CLAUSES

NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES.

En español se llaman explicativas. Son aquellas oraciones de relativo que dan una información extra del antecedente, información que no es imprescindible para la comprensión de la oración principal, por eso va entre comas. El antecedente (la palabra a la que se refiere el pronombre relativo) es algo concreto, que no necesita explicación para saber de qué o quién estamos hablando. Suele ser un nombre propio (de persona, cosa o lugar), un sustantivo modificado por un adjetivo posesivo (MY cat, HIS book...) o por un demostrativo (THIS house, THESE books...)

Ya conoces las oraciones de relativo en inglés. Los pronombres relativos son : **who(m) which that whose where**

En las oraciones non-defining

- No se puede usar **THAT**
- **NO** se puede omitir el pronombre relativo
- **Siempre** van entre comas.

Examples:

- **Tom's father** is 78. He goes swimming every day.
Tom's father, who is 78, goes swimming every day.
- She told me **her address**. I wrote it down on a piece of paper.
She told me her address, which I wrote down on a piece of paper.
- **Martin** speaks both Spanish and English fluently. His mother is Spanish.
Martin, whose mother is Spanish, speaks both Spanish and English fluently.

EXERCISE

Join the following pairs of sentences. **There are defining and non-defining relative sentences.**

1. She showed me a photograph of her son. Her son is a policeman.
2. The new stadium will be opened next month. The stadium holds 90,000 people.
3. John is one of my closest friends. I have known John for eight years
4. The boy is one of my closest friends. He is waiting for me.
5. Thank you for your letter. I was very happy to get your letter.

6. The letter is in the drawer. Peter has sent the letter to you.
7. Next week-end I'm going to Glasgow. My sister lives in Glasgow.
8. Next summer we are visiting the town. My father was born in this town.
9. The storm caused a lot of damage. Nobody had been expecting the storm.
10. That man over there is an artist. I don't remember his name.
11. Mr Yates is retiring next month. He has worked for the same company all his life.
12. My sister is visiting us next week. You once met her.
13. Mr Carter is very interested in our plan. I spoke to him last night.
14. I've just bought some books about astronomy. I'm very interested in astronomy.
15. The man is in prison. Janet fell in love with this man.
16. Mr Roberts is in prison. Janet fell in love with him.