

RELATIVE CLAUSES

Combine the TWO sentences to ONE, using a relative pronoun.

1. That is the man. I spoke to him the other day.
2. They elected a new mayor. His aim is to help the poor.
3. I really like the car. I bought it last year.
4. Mr Black took over the company. His wife died last year.
5. The restaurant is the best in town. We usually eat there.
6. The film is about a woman. Her son mysteriously disappears.
7. That is the place. I grew up there.
8. I met a woman. Her husband is a famous producer.
9. The man was arrested yesterday. He escaped from prison a week ago.
10. The bag is heavy. It contains a lot of presents.
11. The Marybelle Hotel is opening up again. I stayed there a few years ago.
12. My friend's father gave us the tickets. He owns a travel agency.
13. Mr Honeywell is a good teacher. Everyone likes him.
14. The exercise was very complicated. Nobody could do it.
15. That's the producer. His films are always a great success.

Combine the TWO sentences to ONE, using a relative pronoun.

1. The police arrested the man. He murdered his wife.
2. I can't remember the name of the street. I lost my passport there.
3. Where are the shoes? I bought them yesterday.
4. The book is very interesting. I borrowed it from the library.
5. I'll never forget the day. I got my first bike on that day.
6. This is the man. His dog bit me.
7. The pupils missed the test. They came late.
8. This is my boyfriend. His father works at Macy's.
9. That man is a politician. I forgot his name.
10. I'll show you the church. I got married there.
11. The actor is very famous. I met him a few days ago.
12. I have a new camera. I bought it last week.
13. I passed the entrance test. That is quite difficult to do.
14. My friend invited many people. His house is huge.
15. John belongs to a group of people. They send food packages to Africa.

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1. We talked about the party. Sarah wants to organize it for my birthday.
2. Mrs Flowers has paintings in her house. They are worth over \$10,000.
3. The couple lives next to us. Their daughter has two charming boys.
4. This is the house. I had my first party here.
5. Jerry received a bad mark on his essay. It was only one page long.
6. Ingrid went to see the doctor yesterday. He is a friend of hers.
7. Mr Reynolds had to do all the work himself. His secretary left a few days ago.
8. The boy took the photograph. He gave it to his mother.
9. That is the man. I met him at Alice's party.
10. The boy smiled. Elena gave him some money.
11. Steven is an architect. His designs have won many awards.
12. Decorating is a difficult job. I hate it.
13. Christmas is a day. People are happy.
14. We went to the restaurant. We had met there before.
15. The woman called yesterday. She wants to buy the house.

Complete the sentences with relative pronouns from the box.

THAT – WHEN – WHERE - WHICH - WHO – WHOSE - WHY

1. The new movie is about a boy _____ has lost his parents in a car accident.
2. He is the young man, _____ wife left him for someone else.
3. The DVD recorder _____ I bought at this store a few days ago is not working.
4. That's the book _____ I recommended reading in class.
5. Is this the hotel _____ you are staying for the tournament?
6. My dad, _____ travels a lot on business, is in Australia at the moment.
7. It was midnight _____ the first rescue team arrived at the scene of the accident.
8. There are several reasons _____ I am not allowed to give you any information.
9. We stayed at the famous Rockstar hotel, _____ also had an indoor swimming pool.
10. Did you write back to the person _____ offered you a job?
11. The story is about a young woman _____ 5-year old son suddenly disappears.
12. The tennis court _____ they usually play is currently not available.
13. My sister was born at a time _____ my dad was out of work.
14. Where is the money _____ I gave you yesterday?
15. That's the man _____ I spoke to the other day.
16. Mr. Fields, _____ sister is one of the leading experts in this country, talked about the dangers of the virus.
17. He didn't tell us _____ he made such an irresponsible decision.
18. The present _____ I got from my boyfriend was really fantastic.
19. I have to buy a present for my mother, _____ birthday is next week.
20. The youth hostel _____ we stayed last week was really big.

Defining Relative Clauses Exercise 1

Make one sentence from the two short ones. The sentence in *italics* should become the relative clause. The relative pronoun is the subject of the relative clause.

1. She worked for a man. *The man used to be an athlete.*
2. They called a lawyer. *The lawyer lived nearby.*
3. I sent an email to my brother. *My brother lives in Australia.*
4. The customer liked the waitress. *The waitress was very friendly.*
5. We broke the computer. *The computer belonged to my father.*
6. I dropped a glass. *The glass was new.*
7. She loves books. *The books have happy endings.*
8. They live in a city. *The city is in the north of England.*
9. The man is in the garden. *The man is wearing a blue jumper.*
10. The girl works in a bank. *The girl is from India.*
11. My sister has three children. *My sister lives in Australia.*
12. The waiter was rude. *The waiter was wearing a blue shirt.*
13. The money is in the kitchen. *The money belongs to John.*
14. The table got broken. *The table was my grandmother's.*
15. The television was stolen. *The television was bought 20 years ago.*

16. The fruit is on the table. *The fruit isn't fresh.*

Defining Relative Clauses Exercise 2

Make a new sentence by joining the two short sentences. The sentence in *italics* should become the relative clause, and the relative pronoun is the object.

1. We ate the fruit. *I bought the fruit.*
2. She bought the computer. *Her brother had recommended the computer.*
3. He lost the money. *I had given him the money.*
4. We called the taxi company. *Julie often uses the taxi company.*
5. John met a girl. *I used to employ the girl.*
6. Lucy called the doctor. *My mother knows the doctor.*
7. He brought a woman. *I used to often meet the woman.*
8. We employed the lawyer. *Julie recommended the lawyer.*
9. The fruit is on the table. *I bought the fruit.*
10. The wallet belongs to John. *Lucy found the wallet in the garden.*
11. The food was delicious. *David cooked the food.*
12. The car was stolen. *My father gave me the car.*
13. The man was arrested. *I reported the man to the police.*
14. The doctor was right. *Lucy asked the doctor about her problem.*

15. The waitress was very pretty. *My brother dated the waitress.*

16. The secretary is in the office. *The boss likes the secretary.*

Defining Relative Clauses

1 Join these sentences using a relative clause. If it is possible to omit the relative pronoun, write it in brackets.

1 The man told me you were out. He answered the phone.

The man ...

2 The boys have now been released. They were arrested.

The boys ...

3 The police are still trying to identify the body. It was found last week.

The police ...

4 It seems that Earth is the only planet. It can support life.

It seems that ...

5 The pictures used to hang on that wall. Where are they?

Where ...

6 Most of the people couldn't come. I invited them to the party.

Most ...

7 The museum was shut. We wanted to visit it.

The museum ...

8 I like Ann's dress. She's wearing it now.

I like ...

2 Instructions as above.

1 The bed was too soft. I slept in it.

2 I didn't get the job. I applied for it.

3 The man has been married twice before. She is married to him.

4 The party wasn't very enjoyable. We went to it.

5 Who was that girl? You were with her last night.

6 The flight was fully booked. We wanted to travel on it.

7 I enjoy my job because I like the people. I work with them.

8 They were talking about things. I wasn't interested in them.

9 The house is not in very good condition. I am living in it.

Non-Defining Relative Clauses

3 Write these sentences again together with a relative clause.

1 She showed me a photograph of her son. He is a policeman.

2 We decided not to swim in the sea. It looked rather dirty.

3 The new stadium will be opened next month. It holds 90,000 people.

4 That man over there is an artist. I don't remember his name. (use *whose*)

5 The storm caused a lot of damage. Nobody had been expecting it.

6 The postman was late this morning. He is always on time.

7 We often go to visit our friends in Bristol. It is only 30 miles away.

8 I went to see the doctor. He told me to rest for a few days.

9 Thank you for your letter. I was very happy to get it.

10 Next weekend I'm going to Glasgow. My sister lives there.

11 This is a photograph of our friends. We went on holiday with them.

12 The wedding took place last Friday. Only members of the family were invited to it.

13 I've just bought some books about astronomy. I'm very interested in it.

Sentence reconstruction: Defining and Non-Defining.

4 Combine the following sentences using a relative pronoun. Make any other necessary changes.

1 We visited the town. It lies at the source of the Danube.

2 I know the girl. She is going to marry my cousin.

3 He is a very funny person. I don't know anyone funnier.

4 The old house on the hill has finally been sold. It was said to be haunted.

5 This is the music. I've listened to it many times.

6 I met a friend last week. Her husband is an astronaut.

7 Peter is going to marry a girl. Her sister is in my class.

8 I will never forget the day. My eldest son was born that day.

9 This is the school. I studied there as a child.

10 I'd like you to meet Anna. You will be working with her in the future.

11 Here is a photograph of the hotel. We stayed there for a long weekend.

12 New York is a wonderful city. I'd love to visit it one day.

5 Join these pairs of sentences, beginning with the words given.

1 Ms Fortune was a writer. Her body was found in the cellar.

Ms Fortune, ...

2 I met an old friend. He told me all about a book he'd just read.

I met ...

3 A car was stolen. It was found at the airport.

The car ...

4 You recommended that book to me. It was very good.

The book ...

5 A simplified edition is easier to read than the original. It's shorter.

A simplified edition ...

6 I described a player to you yesterday. That's him.

He ...

7 Steffi was born in this house.

This is ...

8 This is Sarah's boyfriend. I'm still friends with him.

This is ...

9 I used to go to that restaurant every day.

That's ...

10 I met that woman yesterday. I didn't like her.

I didn't like ...

11 We had fish for dinner. It was really delicious.

The fish ...

12 I have been to many parties. The party last night was the best.

Last night's ...

6 Rephrase the sentences beginning as shown.

1. I sent something to you. Did you receive it?

Did you ...

2. I couldn't buy the book. You recommended it to me.

I ...

3. My sister didn't want to go to bed. She had been waiting for the party all day.

My sister ...

4. Pamela has just met the boy. She asked you for his phone number.

Pamela ...

5. Sarah introduced me to her brother. I was looking forward to meeting him.

Sarah ...

6. Alex Crivillé has finished second in the World Championship. His team mate Mike Doohan has been his only rival.

Alex ...

7. The little girl appeared among the bushes. We had been looking for her.

The little ...

8. Your friend Mike ran over a little girl. She's my neighbour's daughter.

The little girl ...

9. Uncle George didn't want to come with us. We had taken him to town.

Uncle George ...

10. Andrew showed me some photographs. I recommended you to see them.

I ...

11. I have just met the writer. You asked me for her birthplace.

I ...

12. Mr Álvarez Cascos has just remarried. He is the Vice- President of Spain.

Mr Álvarez ...

13. Your sister has told me about her wedding. I gave her a lift to the station this morning.

Your sister ...

14. Someone says you are going to sell the house. You lived there for years.

Someone says ...

15. The doctor has given me some pills. They will help me to overcome this bad cold I've got.

The pills ...

16. She didn't have time to buy the drinks. You asked her for them.

She ...

17. The criminal has finally been arrested. The police found his car near the library.

The criminal ...

18. The church was built hundreds of years ago. My best friend got married there.

The church ...

19. Here comes Michael Springer. I mentioned him to you the other day.

Here comes ...

20. She was telling me something, but I didn't understand it.

I didn't ...

21. That is the young lady. Your brother is in love with her.

That is ...

22. Theresa brought something for me, but I haven't been able to find it.

I haven't ...

23. I don't know what I have done with the money. You gave it to me.

I don't know ...

24. My father works in a factory. It is very unhealthy.

The factory ...

25. The house has just been rebuilt. My grandparents used to live there.

The house ...

26. You can see a man climbing the garden wall. He has escaped from the asylum.

The man ...

27. Miguel Gila has now a programme on TV. He is the best representative of absurd humour.

Miguel ...

28. I met a beautiful girl this morning. She asked me to give you this letter.

A beautiful girl ...

29. The people had been at a party all evening. Their daughter phoned us for help.

The people ...

30. Where do you get those nice presents? You buy them for your friends.

Where ...

31. My next door neighbour has had a car accident. He has been taken to hospital.

My next door neighbour ...

32. The man is now thought to be guilty. The judges left him free yesterday.

The man ...

33. I have just been visiting the village. I was born there.

I have ...

34. Miguel Indurain has decided not to compete any more. He has been the best Spanish cyclist of all times.

Miguel ...

35. Nobody has ever seen the man. Jennifer gave him some clothes this morning.

Nobody ...

36. My mother would like to meet the novelist. You bought his latest work last week.

My mother ...

37. The year was 1996. Some of the most terrible catastrophes happened then.

1996 was ...

38. The man has just bought his train ticket. He is standing near the exit door.

The man ...

39. Mum asked you for something. Did you bring it?

Did ...

40. That is the tree. I picked some apples from it.

That is ...

41. Here are the parcels. Mr Morgan was looking for them this morning.

Here are ...

42. I bought a house. It was advertised in the local paper.

I bought a house ...

43. Mary works in our office. Her husband is a plastic surgeon.

Mary ...

44. Venice is a wonderful place. We spent our last holiday there.

Venice ...

45. He showed us how to create a computer-based game. It was very interesting.

He ...

46. I've just finished reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. It is an amazing book.

I've just finished ...

47. That's the boy. I told you about him last night.

That's the boy ...

48. They've sold the house. I wanted to buy it.

They've sold ...

49. Helen has just arrived. She had a car accident.

Helen ...

50. They've sold the grocery. I used to go shopping there.

They've sold ...

51. My sister has won a DVD player. Her children love watching films.

My sister ...

52. There's the lady. Her dog was killed.

There's the lady ...

53. I have a friend. He's a wonderful skater.

I have a friend ...

54. The boy broke the window. He ran away.

The boy ...

Non-help rephrasing exercises.

1. Scrabble is a very enjoyable game. I play Scrabble every weekend.

2. Camilo José Cela died a few months ago. He wrote Viaje a La Alcarria.

3. Vielha is a nice village in the Pyrenees. I usually spend my summer holidays there.

4. He received the parcel. He was waiting for it.

5. Robert Graves wrote I Claudius. He used to live in Majorca.

6. We went to the National Gallery in London. It was fascinating.

7. I remember those days. We were so happy then.
8. She hasn't got anything to do. This makes her angry.
9. Pete has become a singer. You met him last year.
10. Terenci Moix didn't like publicity. His novels were best-sellers.
11. The mountain is 3000 metres high. They climbed it.
12. I was happy to see my friend. He has been living in London for three years.
13. We have visited Tarragona. There are many Roman remains there.
14. He has lost the ring. Everyone admired it.
15. She finally passed the driving test. It made her very happy.
16. Do you know the exact date? We are going to meet then.
17. He's the man. They were talking about him.
18. He broke a cup. It was made of Bohemian glass.
19. Jane has been sacked. You met her last Sunday.
20. Michael has been promoted. This made him very happy.

Rewrite each pair of sentences as one sentence, and include the word in bold. Begin as shown, and make any necessary changes.

- a) We want to visit a museum. It opens at 12.00.
that
 The *museum that we want to visit opens at 12.00.*.....
- b) A boy's bike was taken. He visited the police station.
whose
 The
- c) A friend met me at the airport. He carried my suitcase.
who
 The
- d) Tom cooked a meal. It was delicious.
that
 The
- e) A friend is staying with me. She comes from Paris.
who
 The
- f) I found a man's wallet. He gave me a reward.
whose
 The
- g) I go to a shop in the centre. It is cheaper.
that
 The
- h) I went to a girl's party. She phoned me.
whose
 The
- i) I know someone. This person likes you.
who
 I