

Defining Relative Pronouns Exercise

people	that / who
owners	whose
things	that / which
places	where

Combine the sentences using defining relative pronouns. When the relative pronoun is **object**, it can be **omitted**.

- 1 That's the girl. She spoke to me yesterday.

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- 2 What's the name of the book? You want me to read it.

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- 3 We stayed in a hotel. The hotel was very expensive.

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- 4 I rent a house. It is very small.

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- 5 The car was stolen. It was a BMW.

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- 6 The man smoked forty cigarettes a day. He died of a heart attack.

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- 7 That's the building. I work there.

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- 8 That's the boy. His mother works in the post office.

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- 9 The businessman was very rich. I saw him last night.

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- 10 That's the dog. Its owner is French.

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Non-defining Relative Pronouns Exercise

Three things about Non-defining Relative Clauses.

1. The relative clause is closed off by commas and is quite similar to information in brackets.
2. Non-defining relative clauses are NOT used in spoken English. It would sound unnatural.
3. The relative pronoun can never be omitted.

Combine the sentences using non-defining relative pronouns.

- 1 Valencia is a great place. Valencia is due east of Madrid.
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- 2 Jimbo is living in Thailand now. Jimbo got divorced last year.
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- 3 Clare is a good teacher. I don't like Clare very much.
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- 4 The Flaca pub rocks. I met my girlfriend in The Flaca. (use WHERE)
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- 5 My greasy neighbour stinks of after-shave. My greasy neighbour is a bus driver.
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- 6 Almeria is very dry. The beaches of Almeria are wonderful.
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- 7 The school was built in 1907. The school has about 800 students.
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- 8 The government handled the diplomatic crisis badly. The government is facing corruption charges.
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- 9 The *Plaza Rodonda* square is near the cathedral. They hold a market in The *Plaza Rodonda* square every Sunday. (use WHERE)
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- 10 Samantha is coming to the party. Samantha's mother is mayoress of this town.
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Defining Relative Pronouns Exercise – answers

1. That's the girl who spoke to me yesterday.

2. What's the name of the book (that) you want me to read?
 What's the name of the book (which) you want me to read?
 What's the name of the book you want me to read?
3. The hotel we stayed in was very expensive.
 The hotel (which) we stayed in was very expensive.
 The hotel (that) we stayed in was very expensive.
 The hotel where we stayed was very expensive.
 We stayed in a hotel which was very expensive.
4. The house I rent is very small.
 The house (which) I rent is very small.
 The house (that) I rent is very small.
 I stay in a house which is very small.
5. The car which was stolen was a BMW.
 The car that was stolen was a BMW.
6. The man who died of a heart attack smoked forty cigarettes a day.
 The man who smoked forty cigarettes a day died of a heart attack.
7. That's the building where I work.
8. That's the boy whose mother works in the post office.
9. The businessman was very rich. I saw him last night.
 The businessman (whom) I saw last night was very rich.
 The businessman (who) I saw last night was very rich.
 The businessman (that) I saw last night was very rich.
10. That's the dog whose owner is French.

Non-defining Relative Pronouns Exercise - answers

- 1 Valencia, which is due east of Madrid, is a great place.
- 2 Jimbo, who got divorced last year, is living in Thailand now.
- 3 Clare, who(m) I don't like very much, is a good teacher.
- 4 The Flaca pub, where I met my girlfriend, rocks.

- 5 My greasy neighbour, who is a bus driver, stinks of after-shave.
- 6 Almeria, whose beaches are wonderful, is very dry.
- 7 The school, which has about 800 students, was built in 1907.
- 8 The government, which is facing corruption charges, handled the diplomatic crisis badly.
- 9 The *Plaza Rodonda* square, where they hold a market every Sunday, is near the cathedral.
- 10 Samantha, whose mother is mayoress of this town, is coming to the party.