

Defining Relative Clauses

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A. Defining Relative Clauses are used to give important information about a person, thing, place, or time. Complete the sentences with the correct letter. Some may be used twice.

a. where b. who c. whose d. which e. whom f. when

1. When referring to people, we usually use
2. can also be used for people, if referring to the object of a verb/preposition. (formal)
3. We use when referring to possessions.
4. We use when referring to things.
5. We use when referring to places.
6. We use when referring to a time.
7. In Defining Relative Clauses, both and can be replaced by 'that'.

B. Complete the sentences, with one of the words below and a suitable relative pronoun.

playground autumn flatmate miners nun worms corkscrew

1. is the season days get shorter and leaves fall from the trees.
2. A is a utensil you use to open wine bottles.
3. are people dig for minerals underground.
4. A is a woman life is dedicated to God.
5. A is an area children can play safely.
6. A is a person with one shares a flat.
7. are creatures live in the soil.

C. Turn each pair of sentences into one Relative Clause sentence using a relative pronoun.

1. A gym is a place. People go there to exercise.
2. This is the ring. Peter gave me it.
3. The film stars an actor. I can't recall his name.
4. Don is a friend. I play chess with him.
5. Halloween is a day. People dress up then.
6. Paella is a dish. It comes from Spain.
7. Barbers are people. They cut men's hair.

D. Working with a partner, create Defining Relative Clause sentences of your own, guessing the correct noun and using a suitable relative pronoun.

1. An is a person parents are dead.
2. A is a place people go to watch plays.
3. A is an object is used to boil water for tea and coffee.
4. is the country ice cream was invented.
5. A is a person to one is related.
6. are small mammals can fly.
7. was the artist painted the Mona Lisa.
8. An is something you wear to protect your clothing when cooking.
9. Your is the day you were born.
10. A is a place dead people are buried.

E. Working alone, create Defining Relative Clause sentences making guesses about your partner, using a suitable relative pronoun and a noun.

1. The food you hate the most is
2. A possession you can't live without is your
3. The time of day you are happiest is
4. The famous person you'd most like to meet is
5. The place you went for your last holiday is
6. The thing you would most like to own is
7. The singer music you most admire is
8. A sport you would like to try is
9. The person you are going to call next is
10. The food you are most likely to eat for dinner tonight is

Afterwards, read your sentences to your partner and see how many of your guesses were correct.

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