

Defining Relative Clauses

Teacher's Notes

In this activity, students practise Defining Relative Clauses both alone and with a partner.

Aim: To practise Defining Relative Clauses through a series of written and communicative activities.

Procedure: Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Exercise A: Students begin by completing the sentences using the correct letter.

answer key:

1. b 2. e 3. c 4. d 5. a 6. f 7. b, d

Exercise B: Next, students complete the sentences using one of the words provided and a suitable relative pronoun.

answer key:

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| 1. autumn, when | 2. corkscrew, which/that | 3. miners, who/that |
| 4. nun, whose | 5. playground, where | 6. flatmate, whom |
| 7. worms, which/that | | |

Exercise C: Students then transform the two separate sentences into one Relative Clause sentence, using a relative pronoun.

answer key:

1. A gym is a place where people go to exercise.
2. This is the ring which/that Peter gave me.
3. The film stars an actor whose name I can't recall.
4. Don is a friend with whom I play chess. / who I play chess with.
5. Halloween is a day when people dress up.
6. Paella is a dish which/that comes from Spain.
7. Barbers are people who/that cut men's hair.

Exercise D: Students go on to work with a partner and (without using a dictionary) try to come up with the correct word and a suitable relative pronoun to complete the Relative Clause sentences. This can be done as a race between pairs if desired.

answer key:

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| 1. orphan, whose | 6. bats, which/that |
| 2. theatre/theater, where | 7. Leonardo Da Vinci, who |
| 3. kettle, which/that | 8. apron, which |
| 4. China, where | 9. birthday, when |
| 5. relative, whom | 10. cemetery, where |

Exercise E: Lastly, students make guesses about their partner using a word of their choice and a suitable relative pronoun. They then take turns reading out their sentences to each other to see how many of their guesses were correct.

answer key:

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| 1. which/that | 2. which/that | 3. when | 4. who/that |
| 5. where | 6. which/that | 7. whose | 8. which/that |
| 9. who/that | 10. which/that | | |