

## Activity Type

Matching, listening, speaking and writing activity, group work

## Focus

Non-defining relative clauses

## Aim

To extend a sentence with non-defining relative clauses to make the longest sentence possible.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the relative pronoun cards and picture cards for each group of three or four. Cut into cards as indicated, keeping the two sets separate.

## Level

Intermediate (B1)

## Time

30 minutes

## Introduction

In this relative clauses game, students extend a sentence with non-defining relative clauses to make the longest sentence possible.

## Procedure

Divide the class into groups of three or four. Give each group a set of relative pronoun cards and picture cards. Ask the students to deal out four relative pronoun cards and four picture cards to each player, leaving the rest of the cards face down in two piles.

The first player chooses one of their picture cards and places it face up on the table. The player then begins a sentence about the picture. For example, 'My father...'

The players then take it in turns to add additional information to the sentence by adding a non-defining relative clause with a picture card or adding an appropriate relative pronoun.

If the next player puts down a relative pronoun card (e.g. who), the player after must put down a picture card (e.g. pilot) and add a non-defining relative clause as the next part of the sentence. For example, 'My father, who is a pilot,...'

If the next player puts down a picture card (e.g. Singapore), they say the next part of the sentence. For example, 'works in Singapore'. The player after must put down an appropriate relative pronoun card to extend the sentence, e.g. 'My father, who is a pilot, works in Singapore, where...'

Players write the sentence down as they go, e.g. 'My father, who is a pilot, works in Singapore, where he met my mother, who owns a shop, which sells cats, which she buys from Spain', etc.

When a player has completed their turn, they pick up another card from one of the piles.

If a player cannot put down a suitable picture or relative pronoun card, they pick up a card from one of the piles and put it down if they can. If there are no cards left in either pile, play passes to the next student.

The game ends when no-one can go and there are no more cards left to pick up.

The groups then read out their sentences to the class. The group with the longest grammatically correct sentence scores a point. Play several rounds to find the overall winner.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

**Relative pronoun cards**



who	who	who	who
who	who	who	who
where	where	where	where
where	where	where	where
which	which	which	which
which	which	which	which
whose	whose	whose	whose

**Picture cards**

father



school



house



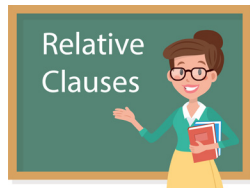
sister



Singapore



teacher



neighbour



old



Spain



mother



rich



shop



best friend



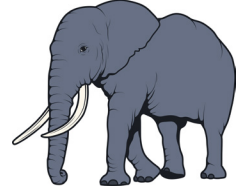
motorbike



helicopter



elephant



pilot



dog



brother



acting



restaurant



doctor



cat



expensive



heavy



hospital



singing



black

