

Defining Relative Clauses Practice

Activity Type

Grammar Exercises:
gap-fill, multiple choice,
error correction, writing
sentences from prompts,
rewriting sentences

Focus

Defining relative clauses
with who, which, where
and when

Aim

To practice defining
relative clauses with who,
which, where and when.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
two-page worksheet for
each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This relative clauses worksheet helps students to practice defining relative clauses with who, which, where and when.

Procedure

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

Students begin with a gap-fill exercise where they complete sentences by choosing the correct relative pronouns.

Exercise A - Answer key

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| 1. who | 4. where | 7. where | 10. where |
| 2. where | 5. when | 8. where | 11. which |
| 3. which | 6. who | 9. when | 12. who |

Next, the students rewrite sentences, correcting the relative pronoun mistake in each one.

Exercise B - Answer key

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| 1. where | 3. where | 5. when | 7. who |
| 2. which | 4. where | 6. which | |

After that, the students write definitions for places, things, times and people using defining relative clauses, e.g. 'A kitchen is a room where people store and cook food.'

When the students have finished, check their definitions together as a class.

Lastly, students rewrite sentences, combining them together using defining relative clauses.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. The last time I saw my best friend was at a festival when she was home from Australia.
2. My favourite dessert is pavlova which my mother makes for my birthday every year.
3. Have you watched the film which I recommended to you last month yet?
4. I've never met the woman who my cousin is talking to.
5. I want to buy the handbag which has grey buttons.
6. I'll never forget the moment when I met the president of Ireland.
7. This is the playground where we used to play every day as children.
8. That's the window which was broken last week.

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

Defining Relative Clauses Practice

A. Choose the correct relative pronoun for each sentence.

1. Elton John is the singer (which / when / who) sang *Tiny Dancer*.
2. That's the cafe (which / where / who) I met my husband.
3. I like books (where / who / which) have strong main characters.
4. A cinema is a place (which / where / who) you go to watch films.
5. September is the month (when / which / where) we go back to school.
6. The person (when / who / which) I miss the most is my best friend.
7. Italy is the country (who / when / where) the renaissance began.
8. Mozambique is another country (where / who / when) they speak Portuguese.
9. Summer is a time (where / who / when) people go travelling.
10. There's a restaurant in the city centre (which / where / who) you can eat paella.
11. The car (who / which / where) has a scratch on the side is mine.
12. That's the woman (when / who / where) helped me find the hotel.



B. Rewrite each sentence, correcting the relative pronoun mistake.

1. That's the office which all the video editors work.
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2. I don't think he likes the toy who I bought him.
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3. The city which I was born is on the coast.
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4. This bin is the one when we throw away our recyclables.
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5. Christmas is a time where I eat too much food.
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6. I saw my grandmother in a photo who she took when she was 18.
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7. The man which is interested in buying your car will phone later.
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C. Write definitions for the places, things, times and people below using defining relative clauses.

1. kitchen:
2. nurse:
3. Halloween:
4. gym:
5. beach:
6. baker:
7. lunch:
8. builder:
9. New Year:
10. school:

D. Rewrite the sentences, combining them together using defining relative clauses.

1. The last time I saw my best friend was at a festival. She was home from Australia.
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2. My favourite dessert is pavlova. My mother makes it for my birthday every year.
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3. Have you watched that film yet? I recommended it to you last month.
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