

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

25 minutes

Introduction

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

Procedure

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

First, students complete each defining relative clause with the correct relative pronoun in brackets.

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, students rewrite defining relative clauses, correcting the relative pronoun mistakes.

Exercise B - Answer key

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| 1. where | 2. which | 3. who | 4. where |
| 5. when | 6. which | 7. who | 8. when |

Students then 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.'

Afterwards, check the students' definitions together as a class.

Lastly, students rewrite sentences, combining them together with 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 chocolate cake 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 black 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.

A. Complete each defining relative clause with the correct relative pronoun.

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 defining relative clause, 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 athlete which won the marathon is from Kenya.
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4. The restaurant when we had dinner last night is closing down.
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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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8. I remember the day where we first met.
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C. Write definitions for the places, things, times and people 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 with a defining relative clause.

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 chocolate cake. 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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