

# Basics. Defining vs. Non-defining Relative Clauses

Medium

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Clause

Comma

Complex sentence

Pronoun

Punctuation

Relative clause

1. Read the angry food critic's review of a disastrous dinner. Select ALL the sentences that apply where the relative clauses are used correctly.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) The soup I ordered was completely cold.
- B) The waiter, who dropped my pizza, didn't even apologize.
- C) The chef, I spoke to earlier, was very rude.
- D) The dessert that it arrived last was actually delicious.

2. Complete the food critic's dramatic restaurant review by choosing the correct option for each blank.

The mushroom soup \_\_\_\_\_ tasted like salty dishwater.

Chef Pierre \_\_\_\_\_ threw a flying baguette across the room.

The head waiter \_\_\_\_\_ immediately hid behind the dessert cart.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) we ordered
- B) , which we ordered,
- C) what we ordered

**Blank 2**

- A) , whose temper is legendary,
- B) whose temper is legendary
- C) , who his temper is legendary,

**Blank 3**

- A) , who was terrified,
- B) who was terrified
- C) , that was terrified,

3. Review the wealthy widow's eccentric will and select ALL the legally (and grammatically) correct sentences that apply.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) My nephew, who lives in London, will inherit the mansion.
- B) The diamond necklace that is hidden in the safe goes to my cat.
- C) My favorite painting, that hangs in the hall, belongs to the butler.
- D) My husband, whom I met in Paris will receive the yacht.

4. Complete this angry traveler's online review by choosing the correct relative clause for each blank.

The creepy hotel \_\_\_\_\_ was supposedly haunted.

Sir Reginald \_\_\_\_\_ kept stealing my socks every night.

The only suitcase \_\_\_\_\_ is now full of green slime!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) where we stayed
- B) , where we stayed,
- C) which we stayed

**Blank 2**

- A) , who haunts the third floor,
- B) who haunts the third floor
- C) , that haunts the third floor,

**Blank 3**

- A) that survived the trip
- B) , which survived the trip,
- C) who survived the trip

5. Complete the detective's messy case notes by selecting the right options.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ was last seen eating a giant donut, is our prime suspect.

We need to find the specific donut \_\_\_\_\_ sells these rare rainbow sprinkles.

The Golden Crumb \_\_\_\_\_ is located on Main Street, was robbed at midnight.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) Higgins, who
- B) Higgins who
- C) Higgins that

**Blank 2**

- A) shop that
- B) shop, which
- C) shop, who

**Blank 3**

- A) Bakery, which
- B) Bakery that
- C) Bakery which

6. A chaotic wizard has dropped his collection of wands on the floor! Help him identify the dangerous one by choosing the grammatically correct sentence.

*Select one.*

- A) The wand that sparks purple magic is completely out of control!
- B) The wand, that sparks purple magic, is completely out of control!
- C) The wand which sparks purple magic, is completely out of control!
- D) The wand who sparks purple magic is completely out of control!

7. Help the young wizard complete his potion notebook by choosing the correct relative clauses.

The headmaster's pet \_\_\_\_\_ delivers the mail, is quite grumpy today.

Students should avoid any \_\_\_\_\_ look overly caffeinated.

The Moonstone \_\_\_\_\_ takes three weeks to brew, is highly explosive!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) owl, which
- B) owl that
- C) owl which

**Blank 2**

- A) owls that
- B) owls, which
- C) owls, who

**Blank 3**

- A) Elixir, which
- B) Elixir that
- C) Elixir which

8. Complete the tech blogger's slightly dramatic review by selecting the correct clause.

My brand-new laptop, \_\_\_\_\_, is already making alarming clicking noises.

Select one.

- A) which I bought just yesterday
- B) that I bought just yesterday
- C) I bought just yesterday
- D) what I bought just yesterday

9. Help the alien tour guide update their Earth observation manual. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences that apply.

Select all that apply.

- A) Earthlings, who need oxygen to survive, are surprisingly fragile.
- B) The planet, which is mostly covered in water, looks blue from space.
- C) The humans, that drink coffee every morning, seem very energetic.
- D) The sun that provides them with light is a yellow dwarf.

10. Help the family historian caption the old photograph correctly by choosing the right phrase.

Uncle Arthur \_\_\_\_\_ claims to be an intergalactic time traveler.

Select one.

- A) , who always wears a tin foil hat,
- B) who always wears a tin foil hat
- C) , that always wears a tin foil hat,
- D) , which always wears a tin foil hat,

11. Help the HR manager complete this incident report by choosing the correct clause for each blank. Pay close attention to commas!

The employee \_\_\_\_\_ is currently hiding under a desk.

Mr. Henderson \_\_\_\_\_ was unfortunately standing right next to the machine.

Our brand-new espresso machine \_\_\_\_\_ is now completely ruined.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) who caused the explosion
- B) which caused the explosion
- C) , who caused the explosion,

Blank 2

- A) , who loves his espresso,
- B) who loves his espresso
- C) , that loves his espresso,

Blank 3

- A) , which cost a fortune,
- B) which cost a fortune
- C) , that cost a fortune,

12. Help the travel blogger clarify her family drama by picking the right punctuation and pronouns.

My \_\_\_\_\_ refuses to ask for directions, drove us straight into a swamp.

Luckily, the \_\_\_\_\_ brought his GPS was in the car with us.

Our rental \_\_\_\_\_ was already making weird noises, finally broke down completely.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) father, who
- B) father who
- C) father that

**Blank 2**

- A) brother who
- B) brother, who
- C) brother, that

**Blank 3**

- A) van, which
- B) van that
- C) van which