

NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Practice | 20-30 minutes

Add useful extra information about a person, place or thing already identified.

1. GET STARTED

Take turns asking and answering. Give details and ask a follow-up. You can invent personal details.

A: Has your sister settled into her new job?

B: Yes. Maya, **who used to work from home**, actually enjoys the office.

A: Good to hear. Her new manager, **who I met at your party**, seemed very welcoming.

2. ADD THE USEFUL DETAIL

1. Tell me about a named friend, adding a detail with **who**. Why is that detail relevant?
2. Describe your hometown, adding extra information with **which**.
3. Talk about a named place **where** something memorable happened.
4. Describe someone you know, adding information about their family or work with **whose**.
5. Talk about a possession already identified, using **which** to add its history.
6. Introduce a person you admire. Add a relevant detail with **who**.

Keep talking: Is that identifying them or adding information? / Why does that detail matter? / Tell me more.

3. MAKE THE DETAIL RELEVANT

Name or identify the subject first, then add extra information. Use small pauses around the clause.

7. Recommend a specific cafe. Add a relevant detail with **which**.
8. Describe a named colleague. Use **whose** to explain a connection or achievement.
9. Mention a particular town. Add a personal memory with **where**.
10. Describe a recent event, then add a comment on the whole situation with **which**.

4. INTRODUCE A VISITOR TO YOUR WORLD

Choose three named people or places that a visitor should know about. Explain why each matters.

Add relevant extra details with different relative words, rather than a string of unrelated facts.

Example: Riverside Park, **which reopened last spring**, is ideal for a quiet walk.

Your partner asks a follow-up. Use pauses to help them hear the extra information.

Answer help: Maya, who ... / Kyoto, where ... / Jo, whose ... / ..., which surprised me.

Remember: Written extra clauses take commas; don't use that or omit the relative word.