

NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

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Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: What can you tell me about Maya, **who lives next door**?

Answer: Maya, **whose daughter is in my class**, helped us organise the street party.

Remember: Non-defining clauses add information about an identified subject; use commas and a relative word.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. What can you tell me about your town, _____ you grew up? (where)

Answer: _____

2. How is your friend Jo, _____ started a new job? (who)

Answer: _____

3. Would you recommend Riverside Park, _____ reopened last year? (which)

Answer: _____

4. What do you know about Alex, _____ sister runs the cafe? (whose)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. last / is / year / Maya, / away / who / how / moved

2. visited / have / Bath, / you / its / which / for / famous / architecture / is

3. whose / teaches / here / Jo, / you / do / know / brother

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. where - What can you tell me about your town, where you grew up?

Sample answer: York, where I grew up, has a compact centre and lots of interesting old buildings.

2. who - How is your friend Jo, who started a new job?

Sample answer: Jo, who started a new job, is enjoying the work but finding the commute tiring.

3. which - Would you recommend Riverside Park, which reopened last year?

Sample answer: Riverside Park, which reopened last year, is lovely for a quiet afternoon.

4. whose - What do you know about Alex, whose sister runs the cafe?

Sample answer: Alex, whose sister runs the cafe, helps there at weekends and makes excellent bread.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. How is Maya, who moved away last year?

2. Have you visited Bath, which is famous for its architecture?

3. Do you know Jo, whose brother teaches here?

TEACHER NOTES

Use the named examples or invent people/places. Do not replace the relative word with that or omit it.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.