

Intermediate B1-B2

Defining vs Non-defining Relative Clauses

Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____ / 20

Exercise A · Defining or non-defining? (Q1–5)

Write D (defining) or N (non-defining) for each sentence.

1. *The woman who called you is my manager.* ____
2. *My sister, who lives in Paris, is visiting next week.* ____
3. *The book that I recommended is out of print.* ____
4. *The Eiffel Tower, which was built in 1889, is a famous landmark.* ____
5. *The house where I grew up has been demolished.* ____

Exercise B · That, who, or which? (Q6–10)

Choose the correct relative pronoun.

1. 'The man ____ helped me was very kind.' (defining)
a) which b) who c) whom d) whose
2. 'Venice, ____ is built on water, is a remarkable city.' (non-defining)
a) that b) who c) which d) whom
3. 'Inception, ____ I saw last night, was brilliant.' (non-defining)
a) that b) who c) which d) whom
4. 'The book ____ I read last week was fascinating.' (defining — can be omitted?)
a) which/that or omit b) who c) whom d) whose
5. Can 'that' be used in a non-defining clause?
a) Yes, always b) Yes, for things only c) No, never d) Only in American English

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Exercise C · Add or remove commas (Q11–14)

Add commas where needed or remove them if they are incorrect.

1. *The restaurant, that we visited, is in the old town.*

2. *Shakespeare who wrote Hamlet was born in Stratford.*

3. *Any student that fails will need to resit the exam.*

4. *My father, who retired last year, enjoys gardening.*

Exercise D · Combine the sentences (Q15–17)

Combine each pair of sentences using a relative clause.

1. *I spoke to a woman. She is the head of department.*

2. *This is the hotel. We stayed there last summer.*

3. *She introduced her mentor. He is a world-famous scientist.*

Exercise E · Fill in the gap (Q18–20)

Complete each sentence with who, which, that, or where.

1. *The city ___ she was born is now a major tourist destination.*

2. *The report, ___ was submitted last week, needs revising.*

3. *I remember the day ___ we first met.*

Answer Sheet

For teacher / self-marking use only.

Exercise A — Defining or non-defining?

1. D
2. N
3. D
4. N
5. D

Exercise B — That, who, or which?

6. who
7. which
8. which
9. which/that or omit
10. No, never

Exercise C — Commas

11. The restaurant that we visited is in the old town. (remove commas — defining)
12. Shakespeare, who wrote Hamlet, was born in Stratford. (add commas)
13. Correct — no commas needed (defining).
14. Correct — commas correctly used (non-defining).

Exercise D — Combine the sentences

15. I spoke to a woman who is the head of department.
16. This is the hotel where we stayed last summer.
17. She introduced her mentor, who is a world-famous scientist.

Exercise E — Fill in the gap

18. where
19. which
20. when (or that)