3.1 Defining relative clauses

1 Choose the correct words.
   1 He’s the man who / which interviewed me for the job.
   2 That’s the hospital where / whose my sister works.
   3 She works as part of a team where / which is in Paris.
   4 Gina’s the pianist who / whose accompanies the show.
   5 They’re the neighbours who / whose car was stolen.
   6 That’s the woman whose / who is in charge of paying the salaries.
   7 A laboratory is which / where scientists work.
   8 Unskilled work is work which / who requires no training.
2. Complete the sentences with relative clauses using the phrases in the box.

- they repair bicycles
- it makes furniture
- they play jazz
- my brother works there
- there are a lot of parks there
- his job is similar to a doctor's
- his classes are so interesting
- the new hospital will be there

1. They work on the building site _where the new hospital will be._
2. A paramedic is a person _who helps people._
3. Tom works for a design company _who designs buildings._
4. We live in a district _where there are many shops._
5. They're looking for musicians _who can play the drums._
6. Do you know any mechanics _who fix cars?_
7. He's the lecturer _who teaches English._
8. That's the bank _where I keep my money._

### Non-defining relative clauses

1. Rewrite the sentences. Use the sentences in brackets to form non-defining relative clauses.

   1. My sister works in the local hospital. (She's a nurse.)
      - My sister, who is a nurse, works in the local hospital.
   2. My dog's vet is very good with animals. (Her surgery is very near.)
   3. Stockholm is the capital of Sweden. (It's in Scandinavia.)
   4. Martin Scorsese received an Oscar in 2007. (His films include Taxi Driver and Raging Bull.)
   5. Next month we're going to Cardiff. (My uncle lives there.)
   6. The headmaster is retiring. (I've known him for several years.)

2. Invent relative clauses to complete the sentences. Use the questions to help you.

   1. Shakespeare, who wrote 'Romeo and Juliet', was born in Stratford upon Avon. (What did Shakespeare write?)
   2. Switzerland, is in Central Europe. (What's Switzerland famous for?)
   3. Feta cheese, is delicious in salads. (Where is Feta produced?)
   4. Nicole Kidman, was born in Hawaii. (Who is her ex-husband?)
   5. The White House, has 132 rooms and 35 bathrooms. (Who lives there?)
   6. Jennifer López, was born in New York. (What does she do?)

### Defining relative clauses

- Defining relative clauses come immediately after a noun and give vital information about that noun.

  - He's the doctor _who helped my grandmother._
  - They can go in the middle or at the end of sentences.
    - The man _who told me about this place_ was old.
    - I met the young woman _who cut your hair._

- Defining relative pronouns are different depending on whether they refer to people, places, things or possessions.

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- Who or which can replace the subject or object of a sentence. When they replace the object, it is possible to omit who or which.

  - She's the girl _who works here._ (subject)
  - She's the girl _who I met._ (object)
  - She's the girl I saw on the bus. (omission)

- We often use that instead of which, and can use that instead of who in informal English.

  - Here's the book _that_ you wanted.
  - Did you see the guy _that_ kissed Mary?

### Non-defining relative clauses

- Non-defining relative clauses come immediately after a noun and give extra information about that noun.

  - Harrods is a famous department store.
  - Anything else?
    - Harrods, which _is in Knightsbridge in London_, is a famous department store.

- Q is a magazine about pop music.
  - Anything else?
    - Q, _which is published monthly_, is a magazine about pop music.

- They can go in the middle or at the end of sentences, and start with a comma and end with a comma or full stop.

  - Abraham Lincoln, _who was president of the United States in the nineteenth century_, was shot while he was attending a play.
  - Kingston is the capital of Jamaica, _which is an island in the Caribbean_.

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We cannot omit non-defining relative pronouns, and we cannot replace *who* or *which* with *that*. 