EXERCISES

Non-defining clauses

Answer key

1 Complete with who, which, whose or where.

1 My dad, ___who___ is 70, still runs every morning.

2 Our new car, ___which___ we bought in May, is already making a weird noise.

3 Lisa, ___whose___ son is in my class, invited us to dinner.

4 We spent a week in Lisbon, ___where___ my wife's family lives.

5 My phone, ___which___ is only a year old, stopped working.

6 Dr. Patel, ___who___ I see every year, is retiring.

7 The Grand Canyon, ___which___ we visited last summer, was breathtaking.

8 Mike, ___whose___ wife is a lawyer, helped me with the contract.

9 I grew up in Gdańsk, ___where___ my parents still live.

10 Our neighbors, ___who___ have three dogs, are moving to Texas.

2 Join the two sentences.

1 My sister is a nurse. She lives in Ohio.
My sister, ___who lives___ in Ohio, is a nurse.

2 Our hotel had a great pool. It was near the airport.
Our hotel, ___which was___ near the airport, had a great pool.

3 Paul is my best friend. His dad owns a restaurant.
Paul, ___whose___ dad owns a restaurant, is my best friend.

4 Chicago is a great city. I studied there.
Chicago, ___where___ I studied, is a great city.

5 This laptop cost a fortune. I bought it last year.
This laptop, ___which I bought___ last year, cost a fortune.

6 Mrs. Lee is retiring. She taught me math.
Mrs. Lee, ___who taught___ me math, is retiring.

7 The flight was canceled. That ruined our plans.
The flight was canceled, ___which ruined___ our plans.

8 Anna got the job. It made her very happy.
Anna got the job, ___which made___ her very happy.

9 My grandma is 92. She still drives.
My grandma, ___who is___ 92, still drives.

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3 Circle the correct word.

1 He forgot my birthday, _____ really hurt.
that / (which) / what

2 My cousin, _____ works at Apple, got me a discount. that / which / (who)

3 Our office, _____ is on the 20th floor, has an amazing view. that / (which) / where

4 Rome, _____ we spent our honeymoon, is my favorite city. which / (where) / that

5 My neighbor, _____ car was stolen last week, called the police.
who / (whose) / which

6 She passed the exam, _____ surprised everyone. (which) / who / that

7 Tom, _____ I've known for twenty years, is getting married. (who) / which / whose

8 The meeting, _____ started at nine, lasted four hours. (which) / that / what

9 We moved to Denver, _____ the winters are sunny and dry. which / (where) / that

4 Choose the correct sentence.

1 a) My mom who is a teacher loves books.
b) (My mom, who is a teacher, loves books.)
c) My mom, that is a teacher, loves books.

2 a)
Our car, that is ten years old, still runs well.
b)
(Our car, which is ten years old, still runs well.)
c)
Our car, which it is ten years old, still runs well.

3 a) (The jacket I bought yesterday is too small.)
b)
The jacket, I bought yesterday, is too small.
c)
The jacket which I bought it yesterday is too small.

4 a) My boss, I really like, is leaving.
b) (My boss, who I really like, is leaving.)
c) My boss, which I really like, is leaving.

5 a) He was late again, what annoyed me.
b) (He was late again, which annoyed me.)
c) He was late again, that annoyed me.

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4 Choose the correct sentence.

6
a)
Warsaw, where I was born, is the capital of Poland.
b)
Warsaw, which I was born, is the capital of Poland.
c)
Warsaw where I was born is the capital of Poland.

7
a)
My sister, whose her husband is French, lives in Lyon.
b)
My sister, whose husband is French, lives in Lyon.
c)
My sister, who husband is French, lives in Lyon.

5 Put the words in order.

1 was / restaurant / closed / recommended / the / Tom / .

The restaurant Tom recommended was closed.

2 people / are / who / the / loud / upstairs / live / .

The people who live upstairs are loud.

3 you / the / bought / is / for / this / wedding / the / dress / ?

Is this the dress you bought for the wedding?

4 is / the / I / Canada / with / from / work / guy / .

The guy I work with is from Canada.

5 about / who / computers / knows / need / I / someone / .

I need someone who knows about computers.

6 cake / made / ate / sister / my / the / I / .

I ate the cake my sister made.

7 this / where / my / born / was / is / daughter / hospital / the / .

This is the hospital where my daughter was born.

8 do / in / the / we / Rome / you / guy / met / remember / ?

Do you remember the guy we met in Rome?

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6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 My father, that is a pilot, travels a lot.

My father, who is a pilot, travels a lot.

2 The Eiffel Tower, that we visited in June, was crowded.

The Eiffel Tower, which we visited in June, was crowded.

3 She didn't say goodbye, what was strange.

She didn't say goodbye, which was strange.

4 My aunt, who son lives in Miami, visits him every winter.

My aunt, whose son lives in Miami, visits him every winter.

5 Boston, which I went to college, is very expensive.

Boston, where I went to college, is very expensive.

6 Our new manager, which started on Monday, seems nice.

Our new manager, who started on Monday, seems nice.

7 My laptop, who is five years old, is very slow.

My laptop, which is five years old, is very slow.

8 He fixed my bike for free, who was really kind.

He fixed my bike for free, which was really kind.

9 Sarah, whose I met at work, is my best friend.

Sarah, who I met at work, is my best friend.

YOUR LIFE

7 Write about people and places in your life.

MY ..., WHO ..., IS...

MY HOMETOWN, WHERE ..., IS...

Answers will vary.