

## Practice 11 – Relative clauses (2) U 47

### 1. Relative clauses with prepositions – make 1 sentence from 2:

1. This is the colour. We finally decided on it.

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2. The bus is late. I am waiting for it.

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3. Is this the article? You were interested in it.

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4. This is the restaurant. We often go to it.

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5. This is a statement. I cannot agree with it.

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### 2. *Where, when and why* – make 1 sentence from 2:

1. Do you remember the day? We bought this house then.

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2. Nick came. He wanted to see Rita.

The reason \_\_\_\_\_

3. This is the place. The accident happened here.

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### 3. A special use of *which* (where *which* relates to a whole sentence + a comma):

1. It rained all night. It was good for the garden.

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2. David helped me clear up. It was very kind of him.

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3. My phone is out of order. It is a real nuisance.

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4. Vicky didn't get the job. It's made her very depressed.

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## Defining vs. non-defining clauses

*Compare:*

1a) Paul's sister *who* is a dentist has just got a job in Britain.

1b) Paul's sister, *who* is a dentist, has just got a job in Britain.

2a) Towns *which/ that* attract tourists are usually crowded in the summer.

2b) Oxford, *which* attracts many tourists, is often crowded in the summer.

## Defining or non-defining?

1. I am sure I know the person \_\_\_\_\_ served us.
2. Natalie, \_\_\_\_\_ served us, is a friend of Emma's.
3. Vicky, \_\_\_\_\_ name was missed off the list, wasn't very pleased.
4. The concert \_\_\_\_\_ we are all looking forward to is next Saturday.
5. Aunt Joan, \_\_\_\_\_ is a bit deaf, didn't hear the phone.
6. Sarah, \_\_\_\_\_ you met yesterday, works in advertising.
7. The woman \_\_\_\_\_ flat was burgled spent the night at a friend's house.
8. Natasha, \_\_\_\_\_ flat was burgled, spend the night at a friend's house.
9. The King's theatre, \_\_\_\_\_ dates from 1896, is in the centre of town.
10. The map \_\_\_\_\_ we were looking at was out of date.

## Answers

### Ex.1

1. This is the colour we finally decided on.
2. The bus I am waiting for is late.
3. Is this the article you were interested in?
4. This is the restaurant we often go to.
5. This is a statement I cannot agree with.

### Ex.2

1. Do you remember the day when we bought this house?
2. The reason (why) Nick came was to see Rita
3. This is the place where the accident happened.

### Ex. 3

1. It rained all night, which was good for the garden.
2. David helped me clear up, which was very kind of him.
3. My phone is out of order, which is a real nuisance.
4. Vicky didn't get the job, which has made her very depressed.

### Ex. 4

1. defining – who/that
2. non-defining – who
3. non-defining – whose
4. defining – which/that (the pronoun can be left out)
5. non-defining – who
6. non- defining – who
7. defining – whose
8. non-defining – whose
9. non-defining – which ('that' is not possible in this type of relative clauses)
10. defining – which / that (the pronoun can be left out)

