

Relative Clauses

★ Defining Relative Clauses

We use the Defining clauses to give essential information about the noun.

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We don't use commas.

Which, who and **that** can be omitted when they refer to an object.

That is the girl (**who/that**) I met in the casting last week.



Whose cannot be omitted.

If the relative pronoun carries a preposition, this last one follows the verb.

The girl (**who/that**) I was waiting **for** is my daughter.

Example:

Frankenstein is a horror novel about a scientist **who creates a monster**.

★ Non-defining Relative Clauses

We use the Non-defining clauses to give extra information about the noun.

We use **who** for people, **which** for things, **when** for times, **where** for places, **whose** to express possession.

We don't use the relative pronoun **that**.

We use **commas** to separate the relative clause from the rest of the sentence.

The relative pronouns cannot be omitted.

Example:

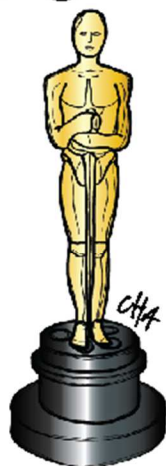
Frankenstein, **which is a horror novel**, is about a scientist who creates a monster.



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1. A person job is acting is an actor.
2. A video shop is a place you can rent some films.
3. Dan's sister, lives in Hollywood, is an actress.
4. My father's car, he bought in 1991, is still working.
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7. The most popular animation films are from The Walt Disney Pictures main character is Mickey Mouse.
8. Birdman, director is Mexican, won the Oscar for the best film.
9. This is the year the last part of the Hunger Games will release.
10. Eddie Redmayne, won an Oscar for the best actor, is the protagonist of The Theory of Everything.
11. I can't stand horror films are awful.
12. Big Bang Theory, is about the lives of four scientists, is a comedy series.
13. Hollywood is the place I would like to live some day.
14. In my opinion, One Song is a film soundtrack is outstanding.
15. Walking Dead is a horror series isn't suitable for all audiences.
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