UNIT 09

No place like home

GRAMMAR

Relative clauses ➝ (see page 117)

1 Match the beginnings of sentences (1–8) to the correct endings (a–i).

There are a lot of old buildings in the town centre,
1 We live in the house
2 We bought this flat from a very nice family,
3 Have you read about the castle
4 Tom Smith is a famous architect,
5 The most famous building in our village is the church,
6 Our class went on a trip to Westminster Abbey,
7 This is a photograph of the place
8 When I grow up I want to live in Brighton,
   a which is sometimes called the most exciting city in Britain outside of London.
   b who has been designing houses for over 25 years.
   c who lived here for ten years.
   d which was the first Catholic church in this area.
   e which is very beautiful.
   f which we are going to visit tomorrow?
   g which is at the end of the street.
   h which is where Prince William married Kate in 2011.

2 Decide which of the sentences in Exercise 1 are defining (D) and which are non-defining (N).

Example  ND
1  ______
2  ______
3  ______
4  ______
5  ______
6  ______
7  ______
8  ______

3 Read the situations (1–4) and choose the sentences (a–b) which have a similar meaning.

I've only got one sister.
   a My sister who lives in America is a nurse.
   b My sister, who lives in America, is a nurse.

1 All the students got bad marks.
   a The students, who should have worked harder, got bad marks.
   b The students who should have worked harder got bad marks.

2 Only some of the workers were sacked.
   a The workers, who demanded more money, were sacked.
   b The workers who demanded more money were sacked.

3 All of the windows were closed.
   a The windows, which overlook the lake, were closed.
   b The windows which overlook the lake were closed.

4 All the houses were built in the 16th century.
   a The houses, which were built in the 16th century, are protected.
   b The houses which were built in the 16th century are protected.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct relative pronouns. Sometimes two pronouns are possible. Put the pronoun in brackets if it can be left out.

Four o’clock is the time (when) we finish work.
1 This is the man (who) sold us the furniture.
2 I’ve got an uncle (who) friend is a film producer.
3 There’s a great shop in town (where) you can buy gorgeous ice creams.
4 It’s a machine (where) you use to clean your carpets.
5 There are three children staying at the hotel (who) we met last year.
6 This is the sofa (which) he was sitting on when he wrote his hit record.
7 These houses are very popular, (which) shows that some people just don’t understand architecture.
8 He bought us a beautiful house-warming present, (which) was very kind of him.
9 There aren’t many people with (who) I feel really relaxed.
10 The person (whom) idea this was should be ashamed!
5 Join the sentences into one sentence using relative clauses.

The Brighton Pavilion was built by John Nash. It looks a bit like the Taj Mahal.
The Brighton Pavilion, which was built by John Nash, looks a bit like the Taj Mahal.

1 St Paul's Cathedral is one of the most famous buildings in London. It is surrounded by modern office blocks.
   St Paul's Cathedral is surrounded by modern office blocks.

2 The Royal Mile is a street in Edinburgh. Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland.
The Royal Mile is in Edinburgh, which is the capital of Scotland.

3 The Brontë Sisters were famous writers. Their house in Haworth is a popular tourist attraction.
The Brontë Sisters were famous writers. Their house in Haworth is a popular tourist attraction.

4 The best hotel in Scarborough is The Grand. It was built in 1867.
   The best hotel in Scarborough is The Grand, which was built in 1867.

5 Hadrian's Wall was built by the Romans in Northumberland. It is named after the Emperor Hadrian.
   Hadrian's Wall was built by the Romans in Northumberland, which is named after the Emperor Hadrian.

6 My roommate's father is called Dan. He's a singer.
   My roommate's father is called Dan, who is a singer.

7 There are six houses in our street. They were built in Victorian times.
   There are six houses in our street, which were built in Victorian times.

6 The following text may contain one mistake in each line. This could be a wrong word, an extra word or a comma that should not be there. Find the errors and correct them.

Welcome to Stratford-upon-Avon

The birthplace of William Shakespeare

One place which is on most tourists’ tour of Britain, is Stratford, the home of William Shakespeare. There are a number of places of interest, of which Anne Hathaway’s house is one of the nicest of and most popular. Anne, which married Shakespeare when she was 26, lived here before her marriage. Shakespeare, who own home can also be visited, left Anne after just five years when he went to London to find fame as an actor and playwright. Apart from visiting old houses, which you should definitely do in Stratford is to go to the Swan Theatre. There you can see plays, not only by Shakespeare, but by other writers, who lived at that time. These playwrights, which plays are also considered to be classics, include Christopher Marlowe, that some people say he was the real writer of Shakespeare’s plays.

But that’s another story…