

RELATIVE CLAUSES

Two types:

- Defining relative clauses.
 - Non-defining relative clauses.

Defining Relative clauses

- They give ESSENTIAL information.
- They can be OMITTED only when they are NOT the SUBJECT of the sentence.
- They are never marked by commas.

PRONOUNS / ADVERBS USED:

- PEOPLE →
 - THINGS →
 - POSSESSION →
 - TIME →
 - PLACE →
- Who
 - Which
 - Whose (never omitted)
 - When
 - Where
- } That

- People / Preposition →
 - Things / Preposition →
- Whom
 - Which

Defining relative clauses

- I met a woman. She can speak six languages.
 - (2 sentences)
- I met a woman who can speak six languages.
 - (1 sentence)
- Jim was wearing a hat. It was too big for him.
- Jim was wearing a hat which was too big for him.

In both sentences the relative pronoun is the subject of the relative sentence and cannot be omitted.

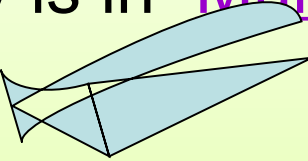
Defining relative clauses

- The thief is carrying a bag. **It**'s very heavy
(subject) (verb) (object)
- The bag (which/ that) **the thief** is carrying is very heavy.
- Ann took **some photographs**. Have you seen **them**?
- Have you seen the photographs (that) Ann took?

Non-defining Relative clauses

- They give EXTRA information, they are NOT NECESSARY. They are an EXPLANATION.
- They can always be OMITTED and the sentence still makes sense.
- They are ALWAYS marked by COMMAS.
- The relative pronoun “THAT” is NEVER used.

Non-defining relative clauses

- Film city is in Mumbai. - Indian films are made there.

 - (2 sentences)
- Film city, where Indian films are made, is in Mumbai.
 - (1 sentence)
- **Spielberg** lives in the USA. - His films are famous.
- Spielberg, whose films are famous, lives in the USA.

Possible or not possible?

- I have three brothers. My brother, who lives in Sidney, came to see me last month.
- I have one sister. My sister who is 25 years old, spent her holiday in France.
- Bob's mum has lost her keys. Bob's mum who is a musician has lost her keys.
- I am a shoe fanatic. The shoes which I bought yesterday are very comfortable.