

58 Adding information

Like defining relative clauses, non-defining relative clauses add extra information about something. However, the information is not essential, but gives extra detail.

New language Non-defining relative clauses

Aa Vocabulary Personal characteristics

 **New skill** Describing people, places, and things

58.1 KEY LANGUAGE NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

The non-defining clause in this sentence gives secondary information about a person.



The diagram illustrates a sentence structure with three main components: 'MAIN CLAUSE', 'NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSE', and 'MAIN CLAUSE CONTINUED'. The 'MAIN CLAUSE' is 'My friend, is looking after my cat.' The 'NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSE' is 'who is reliable', which provides additional information about 'friend'. The 'MAIN CLAUSE CONTINUED' is the part of the sentence that follows the relative clause. A blue bracket above 'who is reliable' is labeled 'Relative pronoun for people.' with an arrow pointing to it.

MAIN CLAUSE

NON-DEFINING
RELATIVE CLAUSE

MAIN CLAUSE CONTINUED

My friend, **who is reliable**, is looking after my cat.

Relative pronoun for people.

The non-defining clause in this sentence gives secondary information about a place.



The diagram illustrates the structure of the sentence "My town, which is by the sea, is beautiful." It is divided into three main sections: "MAIN CLAUSE" (My town, is beautiful.), "NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSE" (which is by the sea), and "MAIN CLAUSE CONTINUED" (is beautiful.). The non-defining relative clause is bracketed by a blue bracket above the word "which". A black bracket above the main clause groups the noun phrase "My town" and the verb "is beautiful.". A black bracket above the main clause continued groups the verb "is" and the adjective "beautiful.". A blue arrow points from the text "Relative pronoun for places and things." to the word "which".

58.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES



Our teacher, **who comes from Paris**, is wonderful.



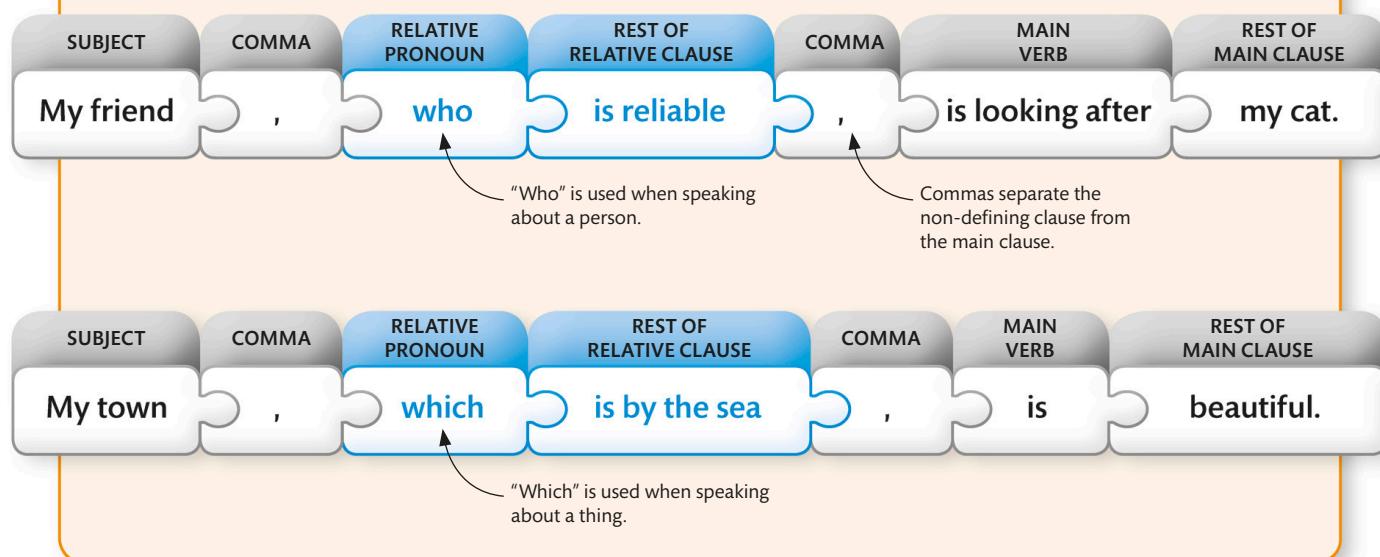
The doctor, **who was very nice**, looked after my mother.



Our local concert hall, **which is very old**, is a beautiful building.

58.3 HOW TO FORM NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

Non-defining relative clauses come in the middle of a sentence, after the subject and before the main verb.



58.4 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES IN THE PANEL



Erin Berg, who is very talented, has an exhibition next week.

1



My friend, _____, is a comic actor and also a director.

2



Our neighbors, _____, invited us for a barbecue lunch.

3



Our cat, _____, has been missing for three days.

4



The action film, _____, is on at our local movie theater.

which has won lots of awards

who are very friendly people

-who is very talented-

who's really funny

who's black and white





58.5 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

The statue, who is very old, is next to Lilydale Park.

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1 My brother, which is very talented, is an opera singer.



2 My house, who is very old, is located in a quiet street in Ringwood.



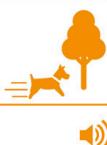
3 The teacher, what is very outgoing, loves soccer.



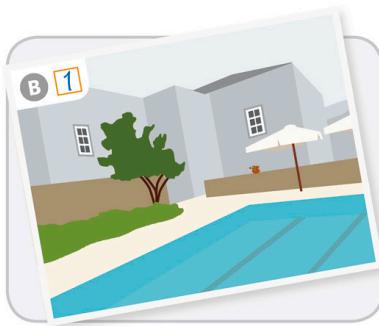
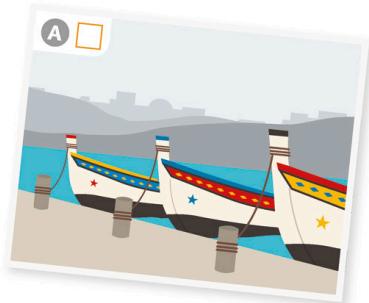
4 This fashion magazine, who is very expensive, is extremely boring.



5 My dog what is very energetic, likes to go running in the park.



58.6 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED



58.7 USE THE CHART TO CREATE 16 CORRECT SENTENCES AND SAY THEM OUT LOUD

My mother, who is kind, is a doctor.



My mother,
Amanda,
His house,
The beach,

who
which

is kind,
is cheerful,
is near the city,

is a doctor.
is beautiful.
is wonderful.



58 ✓ CHECKLIST

Non-defining relative clauses

Personal characteristics

Describing people, places and things

REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 53–58

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
THE SECOND CONDITIONAL	If I won the lottery, I would leave my job.	<input type="checkbox"/>	53.1
COLLOCATIONS WITH "DO" AND "MAKE"	I do the paperwork on Tuesday afternoons. He makes a call before each weekly meeting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	53.7
"IF I WERE YOU"	If I were you, I would be careful on the ice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	55.1
QUESTION PHRASES WITH GERUNDS	How about eating in that new Italian restaurant tonight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	55.7
FIRST AND SECOND CONDITIONALS	If I see Katherine, I'll invite her to the meeting. If I ran the company, I'd give my staff a bonus.	<input type="checkbox"/>	56.1
COLLOCATIONS WITH "GIVE" AND "HOLD"	I'll give some thought to the new proposal. They held a meeting to discuss the decision.	<input type="checkbox"/>	56.5
COLLOCATIONS WITH "SET"	He set the goals for his team this week.	<input type="checkbox"/>	56.5
DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES	She'd like to meet someone who is kind . The job that I heard about is interesting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	57.1
NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES	My friend, who is reliable , looks after my cat. My town, which is by the sea , is beautiful.	<input type="checkbox"/>	58.1