



2nd semester

Topic 14: Defining relative clauses

DEFINING VS NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

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DEFINING

NO COMMAS

NECESSARY INFORMATION. Essential to distinguish which thing or person we are talking about.

*I called my brother **who lives in Ontario**.*

(=I have more than one brother and I called the one that lives in Ontario)

WE CAN USE THAT

We **CAN** use **THAT** instead of **WHO/WHICH**.

*That's the mug **WHICH/THAT I bought in Paris**.
I didn't know the man **WHO/THAT was there**.*

RELATIVE PRONOUNS CAN BE OMITTED

We **CAN** omit **WHO/WHICH/THAT** when they are followed by **SUBJECT + VERB**

*Do you like the song **(WHICH/THAT) I wrote**?
That's the man **(WHO/THAT) I like**.*

NON-DEFINING

BETWEEN COMMAS

EXTRA INFORMATION. Not necessary to distinguish which thing or person we are talking about.

*My brother, **who lives in Ontario**, is older.*

(=I have only one brother and I'm just mentioning that he lives in Ontario)

WE CANNOT USE THAT

We **CANNOT** use **THAT** instead of **WHO/WHICH**.

*These bikes, **WHICH cost a fortune**, are made in Japan. (NOT ~~that cost a fortune~~)*

RELATIVE PRONOUNS CANNOT BE OMITTED

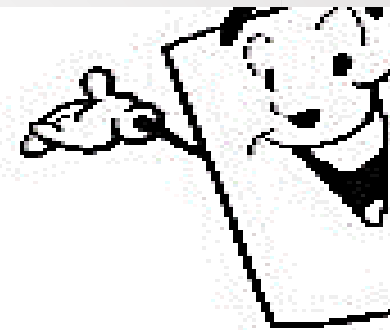
We **CANNOT** omit **WHO/WHICH**

*They introduced me to John, **who I liked immediately**. (NOT ~~John, I liked immediately~~)*

Non-defining Relative Clauses

	Persons	Things (Animals)
(1) Subject	... , who, which
(2) Object of the verb	..., whom.... which
(3) Object of the Preposition prep. + whom prep + which
(4) Possessivewhose...	..., of which (or whose)

A- Join the sentences by changing the second of each pair into a relative clause.



1. That's the ship. We travelled **on** it.

2. That's the type of sport. I know nothing **about** it.

3. Here is the address. You should write **to** this address.

4. The book belongs to me. You were looking **at** it just now.

5. I couldn't recognise the house. He lived **in** it.

6. A travel agency has booked the hotel. Jim is going to stay **in** it.

7. Those are the boys. Michael is hiding **from** them.

8. He didn't get the job. He applied **for** it.

9. I wasn't interested in the things. They were talking **about** them.

10. I don't know the boy. They went **with** him.
