

## Graded grammar worksheet

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## Relative pronouns



**You are interviewing your uncle for a school project. Complete the interview transcript by writing the correct relative pronouns.**

- Q:** What is your job?
- A:** I'm a pharmacist. A pharmacist is a trained person (1) who/that prepares and gives out medicine in a hospital or shop. This is the medicine (2) which/that a doctor tells you to take. You can't buy it without a doctor's permission.
- Q:** I see. Why did you choose this profession?
- A:** I've always enjoyed science, (3) which is the study of the natural and physical world. At university, I had a professor (4) whose job was to give career advice to students. I took his advice and became a pharmacist.
- Q:** OK. Let's talk about your personal life. Who was your childhood hero?
- A:** I liked Michael Jackson, (5) who was an American pop singer and dancer. He was an artist (6) whose influence on pop music still lives on.
- Q:** Wow! I didn't know pop music was a type of music (7) that you enjoy! Who do you look up to today?
- A:** I really admire Stephen Hawking, (8) who is a scientist and author. He can't move or speak on his own, but he has a special wheelchair (9) which/that can speak for him. He is someone (10) whose research and theories have changed the way we look at the world and outer space.

## Defining relative clauses



**You are writing a summary of a survey you conducted. Complete the summary by writing the correct relative pronouns.**

We conducted a survey (1) which/that aims to find out about what teens like doing (aim/to find out about what teens like doing). The following is a summary of the survey results.

Teens (2) who/that like using social media (like/using social media) made up 55% of the respondents. For teens (3) whose parents have bought them a tablet (parents have bought them a tablet), the number increases to 100%. The teens (4) who/that don't/do not use social media every day (not use/social media every day) still said they use it at least twice a week.

The hobby (5) which/that was the second most popular (be/the second most popular) was playing video games. 63% of the boys surveyed like to play video games as a hobby. The games (6) which/that the boys like to play (the boys/like to play) include sports games, action games and racing games. Of the girls surveyed,

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42% like to play video games as a hobby as well. The girls (7) who/that took the survey (take/the survey) tended to prefer puzzle games and simulation games.

Another popular hobby for teens is shopping with friends. The teens (8) whose free time included weekly shopping trips with friends (free time/include weekly shopping trips with friends) were in the most sociable group. This accounted for 17% of those surveyed.

## Non-defining relative clauses



**You are drafting a biography about J.K. Rowling. Improve your draft by combining the sentences with non-defining relative clauses.**

- 1 J.K. Rowling was born in 1965. She is a British author.  
J.K. Rowling, who is a British author, was born in 1965.
- 2 She is best known for writing the Harry Potter books. They have sold over 400 million copies worldwide.  
She is best known for writing the Harry Potter books, which have sold over 400 million copies worldwide.
- 3 Rowling started writing the Harry Potter series in 1990. She came up with the idea on a delayed train trip.  
Rowling, who came up with the idea on a delayed train trip, started writing the Harry Potter series in 1990.
- 4 Rowling's writing was inspired by her mother. Rowling's mother died in December of 1990.  
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- 5 The first Harry Potter book came out in 1997. It was called *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*.  
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- 6 12 different publishers rejected the first book. The book was later published in the UK by Bloomsbury.  
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- 7 The books in the Harry Potter series have won many awards. The books have been turned into films.

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- 8 Rowling has the same birthday as Harry Potter. Rowling's birthday is 31 July.

Rowling, whose birthday is 31 July, has the same birthday as Harry Potter.

- 9 Rowling wrote her first book for adults in 2012. The book was called *The Casual Vacancy*.

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- 10 Rowling used the pen name Robert Galbraith for a crime novel. Rowling did not want people to know who she was.

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## Nouns with and without articles



**You are writing a diary entry about your day. Complete the diary entry using 'a', 'an' or 'the'. Write a cross (X) if you do not need an article.**

Dear Diary,

I had (1) an exciting day today. First, I went with my parents to (2) the Hong Kong Museum of History in (3) X Tsim Sha Tsui. We went there by (4) X MTR.

I saw (5) an exhibit that showed what life was like hundreds of years ago in (6) X Hong Kong. It was really cool!

After (7) X lunch, we paid a visit to Uncle Simon, who was hospitalized yesterday. We took (8) the MTR there. We brought him (9) X magazines and snacks to cheer him up.

Before we went (10) X home, we saw *Independence Day: Resurgence*. It is (11) a film about an alien spaceship, which is as large as (12) the Atlantic Ocean, attacking humans. The film is not too bad, but I think the plot could be better.

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### Consolidation



**You are writing an email to a new student at your school. Proofread your email. Underline the mistakes and write the correct words on the lines on the right. Insert any missing words or commas using a ^ . Cross out any extra words and put a cross (X) on the lines on the right.**

Dear Josh,

How are you? Let me tell you more about our school and your classmates.

The boy which sits in front of you is named Eric. He is the talkative person. He can talk non-stop for an hour!

Yuchiko ^ who is half Chinese and half Japanese, is the girl whose sits next to you. She is kind and friendly. That's why we all voted her to be a class captain.

Our English teacher, who is from America ^ is Mr Ross. He is adventurous. He went on several treks in ^ Himalayas. Our Maths teacher, who name is the same as my dad's, is very humorous. Mr Leung, whose is the youngest teacher in our school, is our Chinese teacher. He graduated from ~~the~~ university last year. He is fashionable. He often wears ~~the~~ clothes who never go out of style.

The canteen, whose is a place we buy snacks and drinks, is on the ground floor. We usually have ~~the~~ lunch there too.

A library is on the first floor. There is a wide variety of books and ~~the~~ magazines for students to borrow.

We have a study group who meets on Tuesdays and

Thursdays. We learn a lot from each other while having ~~the~~ fun at the same time. Join us if you are interested!

Cheers,

(Student's name)

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(5) the

(6) .

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(8) whose

(9) who

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(12) which/that

(13) which

(14) X

(15) The

(16) X

(17) which/that

(18) the