

# Relative clauses

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LC – I can add a relative clause to a sentence to add more detail.

# You will need

- A pen or pencil
- A piece of paper
- The task sheet

# Recap: What is a relative clause?

A relative clause is used to give extra information.

We can add extra additional detail about a noun by adding a relative clause to a sentence.

Instead of using two single-clause (simple sentences) to describe something,

e.g. Sarah is eating roast chicken. It is her favourite meal.

We can combine the two sentences to make one multi-clause (complex) sentence using subordination with a relative clause.

e.g. Sarah is eating spaghetti, which is her favourite meal.

A **relative clause** is connected to the main clause by a **relative pronoun**. We've replaced the pronoun 'It' with the **relative pronoun** 'which'.

# Remember...

- A relative clause always starts with a relative pronoun. Examples of relative pronouns are: whose, which, who, whom, that
- A relative clause can be in the middle of a sentence (embedded) or at the end of a sentence
- A relative clause doesn't make sense on its own

# Examples

The class were well-behaved on the school trip, **which made their teacher proud.**

William, **who was wearing his favourite shirt**, was going to the school disco.

I go to a swimming club early in the morning, **which means that I'm tired by the afternoon.**

Have you seen the people **whom we met yesterday at the park?**

Amir found the missing cat **that his neighbour had lost.**

# Add a relative clause

My cat, whose name is Daisy, got stuck up a tree.

My cat, who is black and white, got stuck up a tree.

My cat, who is three years old, got stuck up a tree.



# Add a relative clause

Spain is a very hot country, where I like to go on holiday.

Roald Dahl is a famous author, who wrote the best selling book Matilda.

Usain Bolt is a sprinter, who can run incredibly fast.



# Your task

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LC - I can add a relative clause to a sentence to add more detail.

Can you add a relative clause to these sentences? Use one of the relative pronouns below:

**where**      **who**      **whose**      **which**      **that**      **whom**

1. My teacher, \_\_\_\_\_, told me to try my best.
2. The boy, \_\_\_\_\_, ran down the street.
3. I saw the dog, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The athlete, \_\_\_\_\_, won the race.
5. She lived in a small house, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I live in Birmingham, \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The sofa, \_\_\_\_\_, was extremely comfortable.
8. "Don't cry" said the girl, \_\_\_\_\_.