

UNIT 1 – PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

RELATIVE CLAUSES

To know more about **relative clauses**, you must know what **relative pronouns** are.

Relative pronouns:

Subject	Object	Possessive
who	Who/whom	Whose
Which	Which	Whose
That	That	-

These pronouns are used to introduce relative clauses. Relative clauses speak about people and things.

Types of Relative Clauses:

a) Defining Relative Clause

As the name suggests, defining relative clauses give essential information to define or identify the person or thing we are talking about. It gives information.

- The woman **who** taught him surfing had been bitten by a shark.
- He went to Hawaii and met surfing master Bethany Hamilton, **who** had her arm bitten off by a shark. [the relative clause **who** defines the woman.]

Non-defining Relative Clause

As the name suggests, non-defining relative clauses tell us more about someone or something, but the information in these clauses does not help us to define what we are talking about. Usually, a non-defining Relative Clause is preceded and followed by a comma or a hyphen.

Ann, who was ten years then, rowed her own small boat independently.

- My parents — who are basically very educated — enjoyed the company of professors and teachers.

I. Read the text again and identify some more Defining and Non-defining Relative Clauses.

Defining Relative Clauses

- I realised why God had made us like this – to give hope for others.
- I read a newspaper article about a disabled man who had managed to achieve great things and help others.
- Nick has a small foot on his left hip which helps him balance and enables him to kick.
- The woman who taught him surfing had been bitten by a shark.

Non-defining Relative Clauses

- His disability came without a medical explanation – a rare occurrence called phocomelia – and Nick and his parents spent many years asking why this cruel trick would happen to them.
- Nick, who was teased and bullied, had an electric wheel chair for mobility, and a team of carers to help him.

PRACTICE SENTENCES

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Defining Relative Clauses

As a young cartoonist, Walt Disney faced many rejections from newspaper editors.

- A New York Times editorial on December 10, 1903, questioned the wisdom of the Wright Brothers who were trying to invent a machine, heavier than air, that would fly.
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Non-defining Relative Clauses

- Lee De Forest, inventor of the triodes tube, was charged by the district attorney ...
- Col. Sanders, at the age of 55, with a beat-up car and a \$100 cheque from social security, realised he had to do something.
- Thomas Edison, at age 67, lost his factory, which was worth a few million dollars, on fire.
- In spite of the disaster, three weeks later, he invented the phonograph.

A. I Will Do It - Sudha Murthy

Defining Relative Clauses

- He built a team of people who were equally good.
- His father was sad that he had to tell the bitter truth to his son.

Non-defining Relative Clauses

- He, like all the boys in his class, was trying to get admission into some engineering college.
- The boy, along with his friends, applied to appear for the test.

II. Read the following sentences, circle the Non-defining Relative Clauses, and put a comma / a hyphen, wherever necessary.

1. The meeting, which was held in the town hall, was a great success.

The meeting, which was held in the town hall, was a great success.

[Defining Relative Clause]

2. The people who live in glass houses must not throw stones.

The people who live in glass houses must not throw stones. [Non-defining Relative Clause]

3. The teachers who have taught Abhiram say that he is an exceptionally creative student.

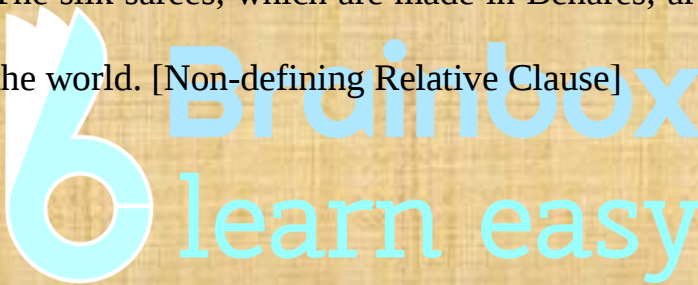
The teachers who have taught Abhiram say that he is exceptionally creative student. [Non-defining Relative Clause]

4. Napoleon who won the French honour died at St. Helena.

Napoleon, who won the French honour, died at St. Helena. [Defining Relative Clause]

5. The silk sarees, which are made in Benares, are popular all over the world.

The silk sarees, which are made in Benares, are popular all over the world. [Non-defining Relative Clause]



III. Complete the sentences with Defining or Non-defining Relative Clauses

1. This is the peaceful place **that is fit for meditation.**
2. The 'Mahaprasthanam' is a popular book **that is read with great enthusiasm by all.**
3. Suresh, **the chief guest of the evening,** has left the school just now.

4. Is this the street **that was famous for the Dandi March?**
5. The express, **which was expected to be delayed by twenty minutes**, has just arrived.
6. The place – **which is usually teeming with vehicles** – has been closed to traffic.
7. This is a famous engineering college **that has produced great engineers.**
8. My sister, **presently unemployed**, has secured a job as an engineer in BHEL.
9. The theatre, **with state-of-the-art facilities**, was designed by Mr. Rao.
10. Vishwanath is one of the outstanding directors in Telugu film industry **who has won many laurels in his field.**

