

**EXERCISES FOR THE REVISION OF THE RELATIVE CLAUSES IN ENGLISH**

**1. Fill in the gaps with WHO/WHICH.**

- I know a man \_\_\_\_\_ eats his nails.
- He was looking for somebody \_\_\_\_\_ could do it.
- The street \_\_\_\_\_ leads to the station is very narrow.
- My sister is a woman \_\_\_\_\_ loves a joke.
- That's the chair \_\_\_\_\_ got broken.
- The girl \_\_\_\_\_ lives next door is very pretty.
- The book \_\_\_\_\_ is lying on the floor isn't mine.
- Do you know the man \_\_\_\_\_ has just left?

**2. Contact clauses: leave the pronoun out when possible. Decide also if you'd write commas.**

- The knife with which you cut the bread is very sharp.
- Where can I find a shop that sells postcards?
- The book that he was reading is a detective story.
- The barber who cut your hair did it very badly.
- The flowers that you cut this morning have already died.
- The man to whom I lent the money has died.
- Any man who listens to you is a fool.
- The policeman whose helmet you knocked off is at the door.
- This is the village in which I first met my wife.
- The meat that we had for dinner wasn't very tender.
- Here's a book. It was written by my mother.
- I want a dog and I want to be able to play with it.

**3. Write a relative sentence**

- Can you see the woman? She's got a green umbrella.
- I used to live in a town and in this town there were two theatres.
- The old man is my uncle. He's standing over there.
- He wrote a book. This book described his adventures in the last war.
- Will you fetch me the hammer? It's in the tool box.
- I remember one day last year. That day I left all my money home.
- Yesterday we got a letter. It told us that the money had been found.
- Here's a book. It was written by my mother.
- I want a dog and I want to be able to play with it.

**4. Decide if the following sentences are relative and if they are, mark them.**

- She ignored where she was at that moment.
- I didn't understand the words he pronounced.
- Parents are those persons who take care of you all your life.
- Tell me that you're going to help me, please.
- The computer you sold me is quite defective. I want my money back.
- I don't know who can have done all this damage.
- One of the things the teacher said was that we would do two exams this term.

**5. Consider if the following relative sentences are non-defining or defining.**

- John Lennon was the singer who composed the famous "Imagine".
- After landing, the plane which had had some problems was serviced quickly.
- The dog which attacked us is now well kept inside the house.
- I always go out at weekends which is something I like very much.
- This exercise is the one which I had told you about.

**6. Compose this text using relative sentences.**

We live with machines everyday. Machines are always around us everywhere. In most houses there are computers, for example. Computers are very useful, really. But it is not only computers. We also have telephones, TV sets, fridges, etc... All these devices help us considerably. We couldn't live without them now. In my opinion, we can find the most important machines in living-rooms and kitchens. We stay in living-rooms quite a great deal of time. I never found a single person without at least one machine in the house. That person would be possibly lying if he said such a thing. In conclusion, maybe we depend too much on technology. That is necessary, I admit, for a good quality of life. However, if we make a rational use of it, nothing dangerous will occur.

**7. Translate into English.**

- Esta es la razón por la que he hecho todas estas cosas.
- Los ingleses, quienes parecen ser un poco extraños, suelen ser bastante reservados.
- Juan me enseñó los apuntes con los que se había preparado el examen.
- 1984 es el año cuando George Orwell pensó que la sociedad humana desaparecería.
- Mi madre no es la persona a quien más me parezco, sino que es a mi padre.