

Relative Clauses

A Choose the correct answer.

1. We went to see the house (that / where) we had lived as children.
2. He opened the drawer (in which / that) the money was hidden.
3. I'm friendly with Johnny Collins, (whose / who) father is our family doctor.
4. The French film, (that / which) lasted three hours, wasn't very good.
5. Do you remember the day (when / which) we first met?
6. The tennis club (that / where) I belong to is in this neighbourhood.

B Combine each pair of sentences with a defining or non-defining relative clause. Use commas when necessary.

1. His latest album is amazing. It came out last week.
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2. Joe Harris has been elected again. He's been mayor for twenty years.
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3. The village has become a popular resort. We spent our honeymoon there.
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4. It's a new sport. I know absolutely nothing about it.
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5. The Browns were making a lot of noise. Their flat is directly above ours.
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C Rewrite each sentence in formal English.

1. The letter which we had been waiting for finally arrived.
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2. My older brother, who I sometimes work for, is a successful lawyer.
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3. I buy fashionable clothes, which I don't spend a lot of money on.
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4. The disease which little was known about was fatal.
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5. The new film, which everyone is talking about, is very frightening.
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D Correct the errors in the following sentences.

1. This is the drawer which in I keep all my old letters.
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2. Mark's flat, that is very small, is on the first floor.
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3. John, who sister is my best friend, is a gym instructor.
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4. This is a moment when I'll never forget.
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5. I'll meet you on Monday, where I'll have more free time.
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| 1. where | 4. which |
| 2. in which | 5. when |
| 3. whose | 6. that |

- B**
1. His latest album, which came out last week, is amazing. / His latest album, which is amazing, came out last week.
 2. Joe Harris, who has been mayor for twenty years, has been elected again. / Joe Harris, who has been elected again, has been mayor for twenty years.
 3. The village where we spent our honeymoon has become a popular resort.
 4. It's a new sport which I know absolutely nothing about. / It's a new sport about which I know absolutely nothing.
 5. The Browns, whose flat is directly above ours, were making a lot of noise.

- C**
1. The letter for which we had been waiting finally arrived.
 2. My older brother, for whom I sometimes work, is a successful lawyer.
 3. I buy fashionable clothes, on which I don't spend a lot of money.
 4. The disease about which little was known was fatal.
 5. The new film, about which everyone is talking, is very frightening.

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1. This is the drawer in which I keep all my old letters.
 2. Mark's flat, which is very small, is on the first floor.
 3. John, whose sister is my best friend, is a gym instructor.
 4. This is a moment which / that I'll never forget.
 5. I'll meet you on Monday, when I'll have more free time.