

Intermediate - Advanced

July 2012 Relative Clauses

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I saw Mrs Brown. She was very upset.

I saw Mrs Brown, **who was very upset**. (non-defining relative clause)

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2. The film was quite boring. My sister took me to see it.
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3. My sister Jane is coming over this weekend. She lives in London.
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4. The car was towed away. It was double-parked.
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5. My next door neighbour has a poodle. He seems to love animals.
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6. Do you still have the camera? You wanted to sell it.
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7. My friend Alex comes from a humble family. He was born on 25th December 1990.
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8. That gentleman is looking for you. I don't remember his name.
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9. Jill speaks three languages. She emigrated to Canada in 1980.
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10. The car has been stolen. It was parked across the street.
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11. Is the job still open? You offered it to me last week.
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12. Mrs. Smith has written three books. I admire her knowledge of photography.
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13. I usually pay by credit card. It is a convenient way to do shopping.

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14. The woman is a friend of mine. I spoke to her a while ago.

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15. The teacher has moved to London. He used to teach me English.

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16. Our teacher Mrs Robinson is retiring this year. We all look up to her.

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17. The man is an undercover agent. His identity has been kept secret.

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18. London is a well-known city. I went there last year.

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1. The man is my uncle. He came to see me yesterday.
The man **who came to see me yesterday** is my uncle.
2. The film was quite boring. My sister took me to see it.
The film (**which**) **my sister took me to see** was quite boring.
3. My sister Jane is coming over this weekend. She lives in London.
My sister Jane, **who lives in London**, is coming over this weekend.
4. The car was towed away. It was double-parked.
The car **which/that was double-parked** was towed away.
5. My next door neighbour has a poodle. He seems to love animals.
My next door neighbour, **who seems to love animals**, has a poodle.
6. Do you still have the camera? You wanted to sell it.
Do you still have the camera (**which**) **you wanted to sell**?
7. My friend Alex comes from a humble family. He was born on 25th December 1990.
My friend Alex, **who was born on 25th December 1990**, comes from a humble family.
8. That gentleman is looking for you. I don't remember his name.
That gentleman, **whose name I don't remember**, is looking for you.
9. Jill speaks three languages. She emigrated to Canada in 1980.
Jill, **who emigrated to Canada in 1980**, speaks three languages.
10. The car has been stolen. It was parked across the street.
The car **which was parked across the street** has been stolen.
11. Is the job still open? You offered it to me last week.
Is the job (**that**) **you offered me last week** still open?

12. Mrs. Smith has written three books. I admire her knowledge of photography.
Mrs. Smith, **whose knowledge of photography I admire**, has written three books.
13. I usually pay by credit card. It is a convenient way to do shopping.
I usually pay by credit card, **which is a convenient way to do shopping**.
14. The woman is a friend of mine. I spoke to her a while ago.
The woman (**who**) **I spoke to a while ago** is a friend of mine. *or*
The woman **to whom I spoke a while ago** is a friend of mine. (*formal*)
15. The teacher has moved to London. He used to teach me English.
The teacher **who used to teach me English** has moved to London.
16. Our teacher Mrs Robinson is retiring this year. We all look up to her.
Our teacher Mrs Robinson, **who we all look up to**, is retiring this year.
17. The man is an undercover agent. His identity has been kept secret.
The man **whose identity has been kept secret** is an undercover agent.
18. London is a well-known city. I went there last year.
London, **where I went last year**, is a well-known city.
19. Lisbon is on the Tagus River estuary in the western part of the country. It is the capital city of Portugal.
Lisbon, **which is the capital city of Portugal**, is on the Tagus River estuary in the western part of the country.
20. That is the man. His house was broken into last night.
That is the man **whose house was broken into last night**.