

Relative clauses

Defining relative clauses give **essential/ important information** about a person, place or object.

Relative pronouns

who/ that for people

which/ that for objects/ animals

where for places

whose - possessive

Julia is the woman. **She** works in the office with me.

Julia is the woman **who/ that** works in the office with me.

It's a self-help book. **It** teaches you how to relax.

It's a self-help book **which/ that** teaches you how to relax.

That's the house. I was born **there**.

That's the house **where** I was born.

Compare:

That's the house. **It** is for sale.

That's the house **which/ that** is for sale.

Frank is the man. **His** brother plays for Man United.

Frank is the man **whose** brother plays for Man United.

Omitting the pronouns *who, which, and that*:

She's the girl. I met **her** on the plane.

She's the girl (**who/ that**) I met on the plane.

Non-defining relative clauses give **extra (non-essential) information** about a person, place or object. see 10A

Compare:

My brother **who lives in NY** has 3 kids.

My brother, **who lives in NY**, has 3 kids.



