Relative Clauses – Exercises

1. Defining Relative Clauses

Look at the two short sentences below and make one sentence.

For example:

Rosy worked for a solicitor. The solicitor used to be a footballer.

- = Rosy worked for a solicitor who / that used to be footballer.
- a. The customer liked the shop assistant. The shop assistant was super helpful.
- b. Sally works at the University. Sally is from Leeds.
- c. Roberto dropped a mug. The mug was new.
- d. They live in a town. The town is in the south of Chile.
- e. Andres sent a WhatsApp to my mum. My mum lives in Cali.
- f. We broke the TV. The TV was my dad's.
- g. The hotel receptionist was awful. The hotel receptionist was wearing a blue tie.
- h. The flowers are in the vase. The flowers have wilted.
- i. Emi loves books. The books have happy endings.
- j. My sister has two kids. My sister lives in Maine.
- k. The chair got broken. The chair was my great aunts.
- I. The bicycle was stolen. The bicycle was bought 20 years ago.
- m. The money is in the kitchen. The money belongs to John.
- n. Rosy called a doctor. The doctor lived close by.
- o. Miguel is in the garden. Miguel is wearing a blue jumper.

2. Non-defining Relative Clauses

Now look at these sentences. Although the information is not strictly necessary, once again combine the sentences to give this information. Remember here that in this type of relative clause we put a comma before and after the main clause.

For example:

José Luis is very good-looking. (He's Diana's brother.)

- = José Luis, who is Diana's brother, is very good-looking.
 - a. Steven Spielberg lives in Hollywood. (He is a famous film director.)
 - b. Hector works at Anglo. (He loves his job.)
 - c. Fresbox is a fruit and veg. delivery service. (Their supplies come from La Vega.)
 - d. Pisco sour is a famous Latin American Cocktail. (There is a dispute about where it comes from.)
 - e. The book is about a wizard at Hogwarts. (It was written by J K Rowling.)
 - f. My friend Pedro wants to do film studies at Uni. (His father is a TV presenter.)
 - g. Luis is a scientist at USACH. (His dad is a researcher.)

- h. The new cinema at Casacostanera has great films. (Miguel works there.)
- i. My holiday in San Pedro de Atacama was amazing. (I first met Sarah then.)
- j. Rosie's handbag has been found by the police. (It was stolen last week.)
- k. The new group is very good. (It was formed last year.)
- I. Lastarria has many good bars and restaurants. (It's close to Parque Forestal.)
- m. Boeuf bourguignon is a very famous French dish. (It's good served with mashed potatoes.)
- n. Duolingo is a great application if you want to learn a language. (It's free.)