

Relative Clauses

Worksheet

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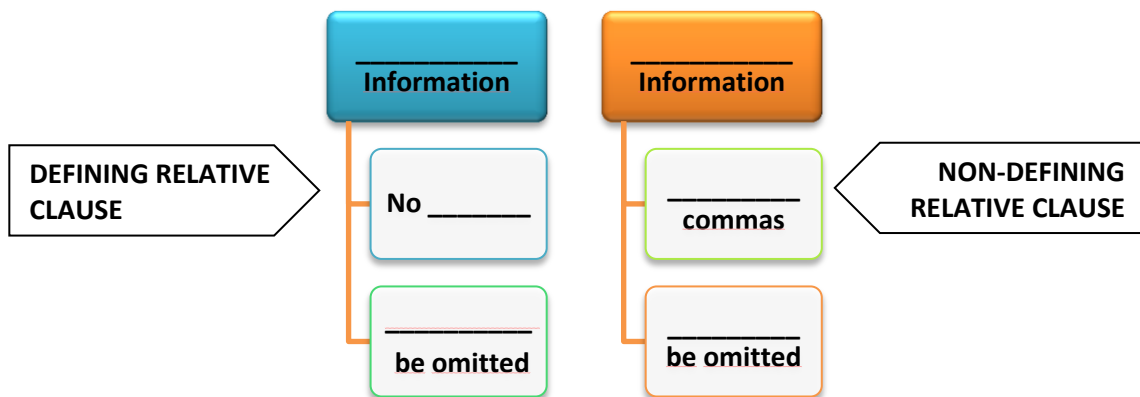
Look at these sentences.

- TV networks should broadcast more shows which promote social awareness.
- CNN, which is an American TV channel, focuses on national and international news.
- Robert Pattinson, who starred in the Twilight Saga films, is currently working on a TV show.
- One of the actors who played a werewolf in the Twilight Saga films has a new TV show.

A **Relative Clause** gives information about the word(s) it refers to.

1. Identify the relative clause.
2. Decide if the relative clause can be removed from the sentence without changing the meaning.
3. Complete the diagram with the words from the box.

comma essential
can between
cannot extra



4. Look at the example. Put the steps into the correct order.

- a. Cut out the second reference.
- b. Join the sentences – a relative clause always follows the word(s) it refers to.
- c. Pick the right relative pronoun according to the meaning – person, thing, possessive....

Gabriela is an old Brazilian **soap opera**.

It was remade recently.

Common reference

Gabriela is an old Brazilian **soap opera** **which was remade recently**.

- d. Identify the common reference.

Practise!

A. Decide if the relative clauses are defining or non-defining. Put in commas where needed.

1. The reporter who was arrested yesterday was writing a story on government corruption.
2. Some Brazillian soap operas which are broadcast in other countries are very funny.
3. *Gossip Girl* which is on Portuguese TV focuses on the lives of teens in New York.
4. What is the name of the writer who develops the script of Makutano Junction?
5. Producers who have been casting the new soap opera are being very careful in choosing the right actors.
6. Dulce Brisas which is an Ecuadorian soap opera has won an Emmy Award.

B. Join these sentences using a suitable relative pronoun.

1. I've just watched a new episode of Dulce Brisas. It deals with domestic violence.

2. Soap operas have great educational potential. They must be well written.

3. Dulce Brisas characters often become role models. Their lives are hard but honest.

4. Soap opera writers can influence teenagers negatively. They aren't careful with their scripts.

5. Soap opera actors are admired by viewers. These viewers watch them every day.

6. TV networks should be morally responsible for what they broadcast. Their shows are violent.

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