GRAMMAR

DEFINING AND NON-DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

A Read the e-mail and answer the questions.

- 1 In which sentences are there non-defining relative clauses?
- 2 In what ways is a non-defining relative clause different from a defining relative clause?

Hi Claudia,

Do you remember the good-looking guy **that** I met at Melanie's party? Well, we went out to a coffee shop — the one **where** you and I used to meet after school. It turns out that he's amazing! He loves cycling, **which** is my favourite sport (as you know!). I've also never met anyone **whose** taste in music is so similar to mine. He seems so kind and intelligent ... I can't wait till Thursday, **when** we're going out again. I think I'm falling in love!

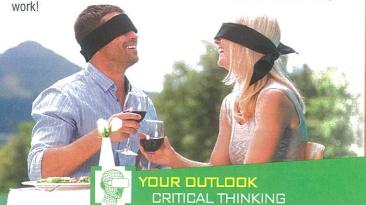
Bonnie

1 Complete the text with the relative pronouns which, who, whose, when and where.

Reality Weddings TV

TV is full of reality shows, including some about weddings!

- Each season of *The Bachelor* begins in a large house, ¹.... 25 or 30 women try to impress a single man. The bachelor gives a rose to every woman he likes, while the women ².... don't get roses are eliminated. At the end of the season, ³.... only one lucky woman is left, the bachelor asks her to marry him. There's also a show called *The Bachelorette*,
 4.... has one woman choosing a partner from many men!
- *Marriage at First Sight* is about total strangers ^{5.} ... first meet at their own wedding. After the wedding, they begin an eight-week experimental period, ^{6.} ... they hope to fall in love. Relationship experts try to match up couples ^{7.} ... personalities seem compatible, but it doesn't always



Would you agree to participate in one of these programmes? Why or why not?



Hi Bonnie,
I'm glad you've finally found someone with whom you have so much in common. But I hope he's the type of person who you can rely on. Take my advice and slow down!
Love
Claudia

- Grammar Basics Rules and Basic Practice, page 102
- 2 In which sentences in Exercise 1 can the relative pronoun be replaced with that?
- **3** Complete the story. Match A to B and add a suitable relative pronoun to form sentences.

The Millionaire Friends

A

- 1 Thursday, 23rd July 2020 was the day
- 2 He immediately called Joe Feeney.
- 3 Back in 1992, the two friends,
- 4 They promised that if one of them won the lottery, they would divide the money
- 5 Cook was glad to divide the money with Feeney,
- 6 Now the men and their wives are planning to travel together to places

B

- a both loved the lottery, had made a promise.
- b Thomas Cook won \$22 million in the lottery.
- c they received.
- d they've never been before.
- e was his longtime best friend.
- f well-being was important to him.
- 4 In which sentences in Exercise 3 can the relative pronoun be omitted?



- **5** Complete the following sentences in the formal structure.
 - 1 The woman who he fell in love with was older than him. The woman with \dots
 - 2 The song that we are listening to was written by Taylor Swift. The song to
 - 3 We called Harry, who we were all waiting for. We called Harry, for
 - 4 I recommend this app. I met my girlfriend through it. I recommend this app, through

GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

6 Complete the text with the relative pronouns which, who, whom, whose, when and where. Then listen and check your answers.



Sweden is a country ^{1.} ... encourages individualism. At the age of 18, ^{2.} ... young people finish school, most of them move into small flats, ^{3.} ... they live on their own. This may sound fantastic, but there are many young Swedes for ^{4.} ... this creates a problem: loneliness. This is especially true among people ^{5.} ... jobs have taken them far from their friends and family.

One solution is Colive flats, ⁶. ... are cooperative living units for young adults. Before they move in, applicants are matched to a group of residents ⁷. ... have similar habits, interests or values. The residents' bedrooms are placed around a communal living area, in ⁸. ... they can eat, relax and form friendships. Will these flats become popular in Sweden? Only time will tell.

- 7 Rewrite the sentences by combining them with the relative pronouns in brackets. Make any necessary changes.
 - 1 I've found a new friend. His interests are similar to mine. (whose)
 - 2 On Valentine's Day, people give each other flowers. It is celebrated in February. (which)
 - 3 The teacher went home early. I wanted to talk to her. (that)
 - 4 We met at this café. Lots of romances began here. (where)
 - 5 In 2010, this was a small shop. I started work then. (when)
 - 6 This is my Italian friend. I love to travel with her. (whom)

- 8 The sentences below form an article about a true event. Combine them using suitable relative pronouns.
 - 1 In 1993, a Croatian man named Stjepan Vokic adopted a female stork. Her wing had been badly injured.
 - 2 He named her Malena. This means little in Croatian.
 - 3 He grew fond of Malena. He built a nest for her.
 - 4 In 2003, Vokic noticed a male stork. It was spending the summer with Malena.
 - 5 The male flew south every winter. The weather turned cold then.
 - 6 Every spring for 17 years, the male returned to the roof. Malena was waiting for him there.
 - 7 The love story continued until 2019. The male stork died then.



GRAMMAR IN USE

9 Describe a person, object, place or special time, using relative pronouns. Ask your partner to guess who or what you are describing.

These are two famous lovers
whose families hated each other.

Romeo and Juliet

It's a fun day when
people buy you gifts.

a birthday

