

FUMC ESL 2-15-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson
Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

Relative Clauses

A clause is a part of a sentence. A relative clause tells us which person or thing the speaker means. Relative clauses use relative pronouns: **that, who, which, whose**

EX: The woman **who lives next door** takes care of my cat. (who lives next door) is a relative clause. It tells us which woman.

You can use "that" instead of who. EX: The man **that walks my dog** is a neighbor. (that walks my dog) is a relative clause

EX: The man **whose son was in the car wreck** was upset.

EX: The shop **which sells ice cream** is my favorite.

If we are talking about things, not people, we can use "that" or "which".

EX: The company that makes furniture is on this street.

The machine which broke down is in the basement.

In this exercise, there are two sentences. Put the two sentences together using a relative clause.

EX: I met a woman. She can speak three languages.

I met a woman who can speak three languages.

EX: Jim was wearing a hat. It was too big for him.

Jim was wearing a hat that was too big for him.

1. A thief is a person. A thief steals things.

2. Ann lives in a house. The house is one hundred years old.

3. A man lives in my neighborhood . He can help you fix your car.

4. The woman is my friend. The woman is at the bus stop.

5. All the students took the exam. All the students passed.

6. Everyone went to the party. They enjoyed it a lot.

7. Elephants are animals. Elephants live in hot climates.

8. A woman visited me in the hospital. She brought me beautiful flowers.

Sometimes we can leave out the relative pronoun. For example, we can usually leave out who, which or that if it is followed by a subject. Ex: The woman [that] we met was really kind. We can't usually leave it out if it is followed by a verb. EX: The girls that carried the flowers were my nieces.

That is followed by the verb **carried**, so you can't leave out **that**.

EX: The men **who** repaired my air conditioner left their tools here. **Who** is followed by the verb **repaired**, so you can't leave out the **who**.

Finish these sentences with a relative clause.

1. A shoplifter is someone who _____
2. A burglar is someone who _____
3. The boys who stole my car _____
4. I don't like movies that _____.
5. The people I like the best are those who _____.
6. I like to shop at a store that _____.
7. The neighbor who _____, is really nice.
8. I returned the dress that _____.
9. The best students are those who _____
10. The car that _____ broke down.

Reading Comprehension. Read the story and answer the questions.

Jan and Chad are planning to get married. They both work, but they don't make much money. They want to buy a house, but houses are too expensive. They look at some apartments. Apartments are expensive too. Chad's parents say, "You and Jan can live with us. We have plenty of room here. You can use the upstairs bedroom. It will be comfortable. And when you come home from a busy day, Mother will prepare a nice dinner."

Chad thinks this is a good idea. They could save lots of money. Then they would have enough to buy a house. Chad asks Jan what she thinks about this idea. Jan isn't so sure. Chad's parents are nice. But Jan is worried about privacy. Jan likes to come home

and relax. She likes to get take-out and watch movies in front of the TV. She doesn't want to eat with Chad's parents every night. Jan thinks she and Chad need to be independent.

1. What are Jan and Chad planning to do?
2. What problem do Jan and Chad have?
3. What do Chad's parents want them to do?
4. What does Chad think about this idea?
5. What does Jan think about this idea?
6. What does, "She isn't so sure." mean?
7. What is Jan worried about?
8. Do you think Jan and Chad should live with Chad's parents?
9. Did you live with your parents when you were first married?
10. Is it common in your country for grown children to live with their parents?
11. Is it common for parents to help their grown children buy a house?

Jenna loves to paint pictures. She paints a lot. She likes to give her friends pictures to hang on their walls. The problem is that Jenna is not a very good artist. Most of her paintings look like big splashes of black paint. Jenna gave her friend, Ella, a very large painting. Most of the painting was black. There were a few stripes of purple. Ella thought the painting looked awful. But Jenna was her friend. Ella couldn't tell Jenna she didn't want the picture. But she didn't want to hang a big ugly painting on her wall. She didn't want to look at it every day. Ella's apartment was painted light yellow. The black and purple painting wouldn't go with her yellow walls.

1. What does Jenna like to do?
2. What is the problem Jenna has?
3. What do her paintings look like?
4. Who is Jenna's friend?
5. What did Jenna give Ella?
6. Describe the painting Jenna gave to Ella.
7. What was wrong with the painting?
8. What should Ella do about the painting?
9. Have you ever received a gift you didn't want. What did you do with it? Did you donate it to Goodwill or some other charity?
10. When my grandmother received gifts she didn't want, she wrapped them up and gave them to someone else. Do you think this is rude?
11. One time my grandmother forgot who gave her the present. She re-gifted it back to the person who had given it to her. This caused a lot of problems. My grandmother decided to stop re-gifting things.
12. I have some women friends that meet once a month. Every few years, we have a party where we bring a gift that someone gave us, but that we don't want. We trade

gifts. This party is fun and useful because sometimes I get to trade the gift I didn't like for one I really like. And the gift goes to someone who wants it. We are careful not to bring a gift that someone in the women's group gave us. Usually I take a gift my mother has given me because she and I have different tastes. She has given me some really ugly dishes. So I pass these gifts on. Do you think this kind of party is a good idea? Is there someone in your family that has different tastes from you and frequently gives you things you don't like? Share your stories.