SPaG: Relative Clauses

Aim: Relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun. To use relative clauses.	Prior Learning: New concept.	Resources: Lesson Pack Individual whiteboards and pens Coloured pencils or highlighters
Success Criteria: I can explain that a multi-clause (or 'complex') sentence has at least two clauses. I can identify and use relative pronouns and relative clauses. I can explain when commas are needed with relative clauses. I can explain that an object relative pronoun can be left out of a clause.	Key/New Words: Clauses, simple sentence, complex sentence, multi-clause sentence, relative clause, main clause, relative pronoun, object relative pronoun, essential, non-essential.	Preparation: Relative Clauses and Relative Pronouns Activity Sheet - one per child Differentiated Commas and Relative Clauses Activity Sheet - one per child Differentiated Spot the Clauses Activity Sheet - one per child Mini Test - one per child Application Activity - one per child

Learning Sequence



Introductory Activity – Relative Clauses and Relative Pronouns: Share and discuss the information about relative clauses and relative pronouns. Ask the children to underline the relative pronouns in the sentences shown. This could be completed as a class activity using individual whiteboards or in pairs using the Relative Clauses and Relative Pronouns Activity Sheet. Can the children explain that a multi-clause sentence has at least two clauses? Can the children identify relative pronouns?



Independent Focused Activity — Commas and Relative Clauses: Discuss how to decide when commas are used with relative clauses and look at the difference between non-essential and essential relative clauses. Children work in groups to discuss the questions on the quiz and then go on to work independently on the differentiated Commas and Relative Clauses Activity Sheet. Can the children explain how to decide whether or not commas are needed when using relative clauses?



Review Activity – Identifying When a Pronoun Can Be Omitted: Explain that sometimes a relative pronoun can be omitted from a relative clause without affecting the sense of a sentence. Ask the children to look together at the multi-clause sentences and decide whether or not the relative pronoun can be left out of the subordinate clause. Can the children explain that an object relative pronoun can be left out of a clause?



Consolidation Activity — **Spot the Clauses:** Ask the children to look at the sentences on the **Lesson Presentation** and identify the main clause, subordinate clause and relative pronoun. Children complete the differentiated **Spot the Clauses Activity Sheet**. Can the children identify relative pronouns and relative clauses?



Relative Clauses: The children complete the **Mini Test** in order to test their understanding. The children complete the **Application Activity** as required.

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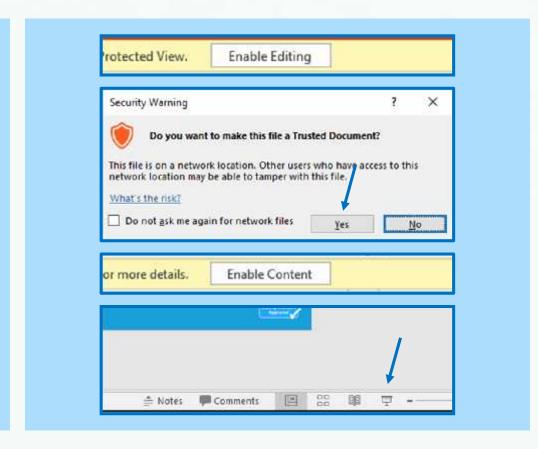
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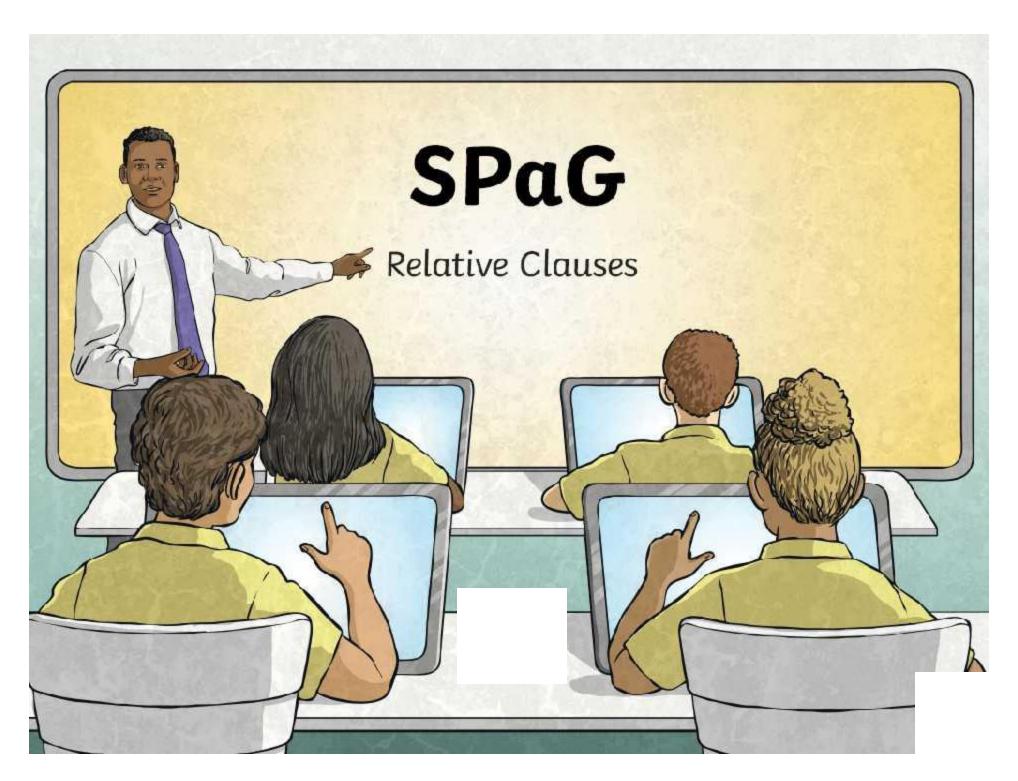
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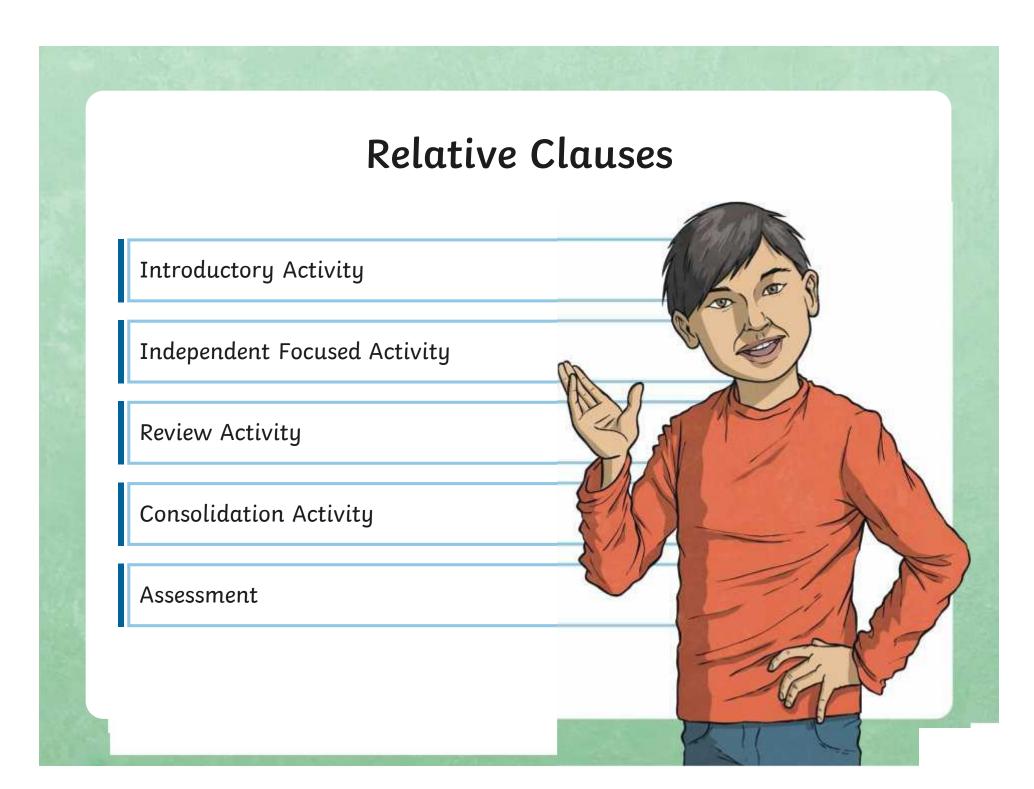
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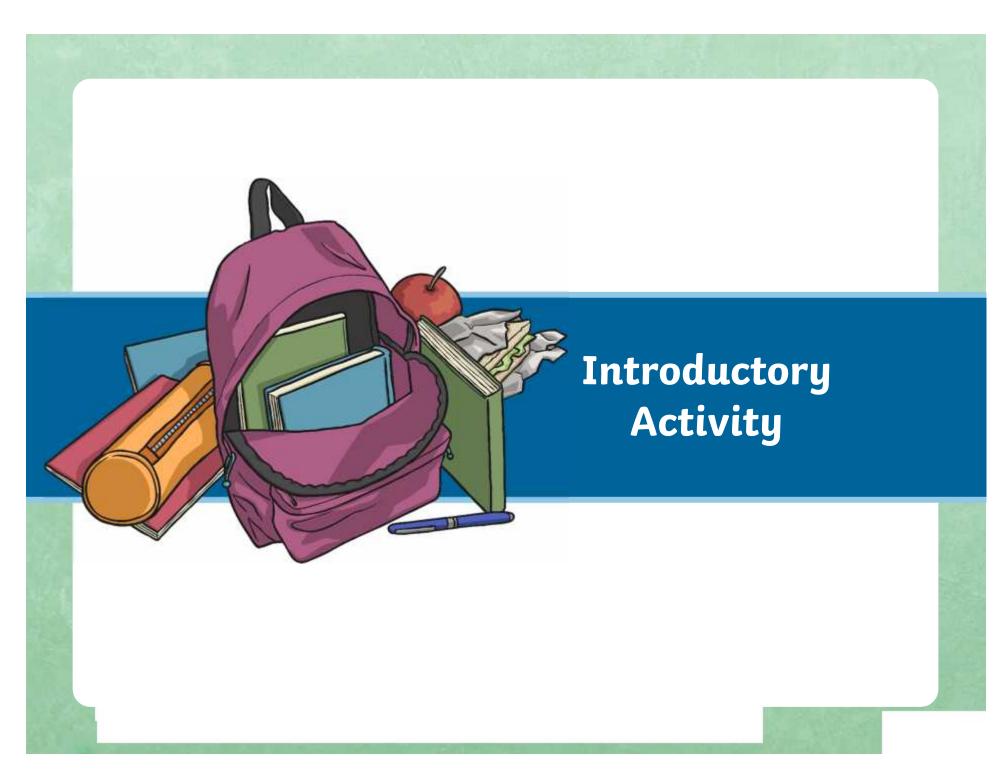


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Let's start with a simple sentence.

✓ A simple sentence has one main clause = subject + verb.

✓ A simple sentence must make sense on its own.

Example: John was playing the piano.

The simple sentence isn't very interesting, is it? Why don't we add some extra information?

John was playing the piano. He was in the hall.



OK, still rather simple. How could we improve it? John was playing the piano.

Let's make it a multi-clause sentence. The second sentence adds some extra information to the first one so we can add it to the simple sentence to make a complex sentence, like this:

We can add a subordinate clause to the main

John, who was in the hall, was playing the piano.

The subordinate clause must have its own subject and verb. The subordinate clause does not make sent he subordinate clause does not make sense on its own.





John was playing the piano. He was in the hall.

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about the noun in the main clause.

John, who was in the hall, was playing the piano. Here are some other relative clauses you could add to this sentence:

a relative pronoun.

John, whose hair flopped as he moved his arms, was playing the piano.

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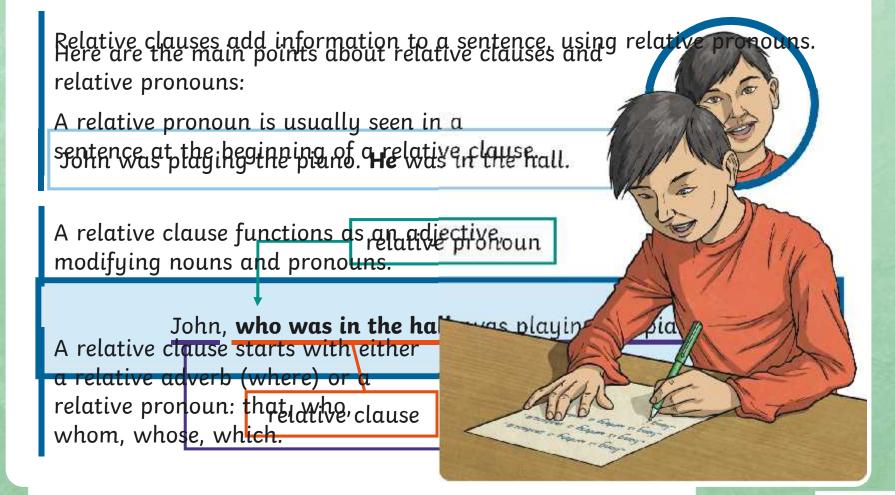
These words are relative pronouns:

I ran quickly towards the oak tree, which had stood in that spot for hundreds of years.

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My grandmother, whose shiny hair sparkled in the morning sunshine, stood looking over the bay.







The following are examples of sentences that have **relative clauses** starting with **relative pronouns**.



Can you identify the relative pronouns?

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Commas are used when the relative clause contains addition-essential information.

Because the information is **not essential** to the meaning of the sentence, this is called a **non-essential relative clause**.

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The relative clause gives the reader some extra information about penguin. It is not essential to the meaning of the sentence.

The penguin who banged his head on the side of the rock needed to be rescued by a specialist team of vets. He is waddling towards the water. The fact that he is enjoying the sunshine as well is not very relevant. If you got rid of what was inside the commas, the sentence would have the same meaning.



When the relative clause contains essential information, no commas are needed.



Because the information is **essential** to the sentence, this is called an essential **relative clause**.

This specifies a particular penguin. The fact that this penguin has a head injury is very relevant to the meaning of the sentence.

If you removed the relative clause from this sentence, the meaning of the sentence would change.



Commas and Relative Clauses To recap:



The lamp post, where the girl was standing, was lit.



This gives the reader the extra information about the lamp post.



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the meaning of the sentence.

This specifies the particular lamp post – the one where the girl was standing rather than the one by the bus stop, for example.

Commas and Relative Clauses To recap:



The test which we did yesterday was really easy.

There are no commas in this sentence.

This is because the relative clause information **defines** the subject of the main clause.

In this example, there might have been lots of tests, but we are only interested in yesterday's test.



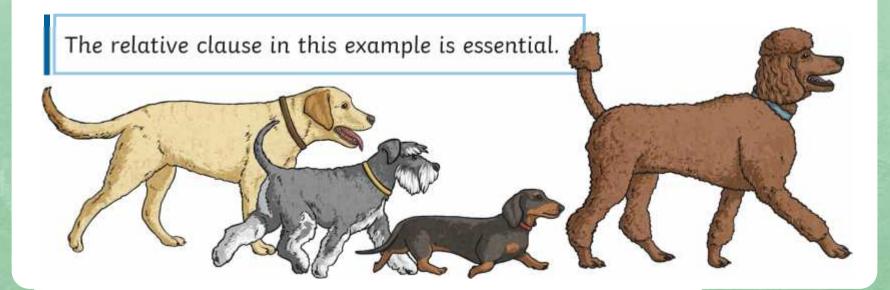
This is an essential relative clause, so we don't use commas.



Another example:

Dogs that howl annoy me.

I can't get rid of the words 'that howl' because then I'd be saying all dogs annoy me, not just the ones that howl, which isn't true.





Which of these sentences need commas adding in?

The meerkat who bit the zookeeper had to be calmed down.

The baby giraffe who had a delicate soft nose ambled towards her mother.

The hotel where my parents got married was on television last night.

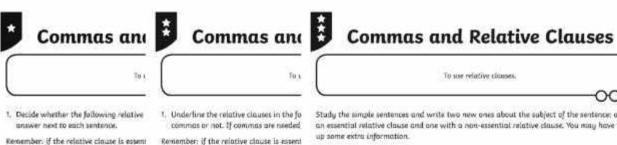
My school which recently won a sports award was holding a Christmas fair.

The crown that was worn by a famous ancient king came to the town museum.

The crown which had been recently cleaned was placed on the head of the new king.

Remember – if you are adding in non-essential, additional information, add commas.





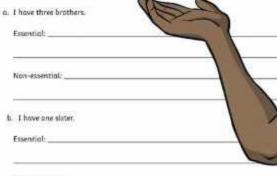
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Non-essential:





Review Activity



Example

Jack had to clean up the mess that the dog had made.

This is the object of the relative clause, so it can be omitted without changing the meaning of the

essential relative clause

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In some relative clauses, the relative pronouns **who**, **which** or **that** can be omitted.

Another Example:

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Your clever brain reads the missing words in for you to complete the sentence!



When we leave out the relative pronoun, the sentence still makes sense.



How do you know a relative pronoun has to be omitted?

Remember! Relative pronouns can be omitted if they refer to the **object** of the verb.



Break up the multi-clause sentence into two simple sentences to find out.

The shoes (which/that) I want cost £10.50.

The shoes cost £10.50. I want **them**.

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How do you know a relative pronoun has to be kept?

Relative pronouns have to stay in the sentence if they refer to the **subject** of the verb.



Where is the pen **that** was on my desk?

Where is the pen? It was on my desk.



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For each of these multi-clause sentences, decide whether the relative pronoun can be left out of the subordinate clause or must stay in.

→ Jake, who is only ten, has been scouted for United.

The chocolate bar that we left on the table has melted!

Your bags, which have huge straps, are blocking the corridor.

Where is the homework which I asked for yesterday?



Spot the Clauses



For each of the following sentences, can you identify the **main clause**, **subordinate clause** and **relative pronoun**?

We have a lot of cousins who live in other cities.

The rain that had been forecast poured heavily.

The machine which broke down has been mended.

Your PE bag should be on your peg, where you can also hang up your coat.

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- g. Look for the spelling in the dictionary,
- h. My brother, who has won many medals

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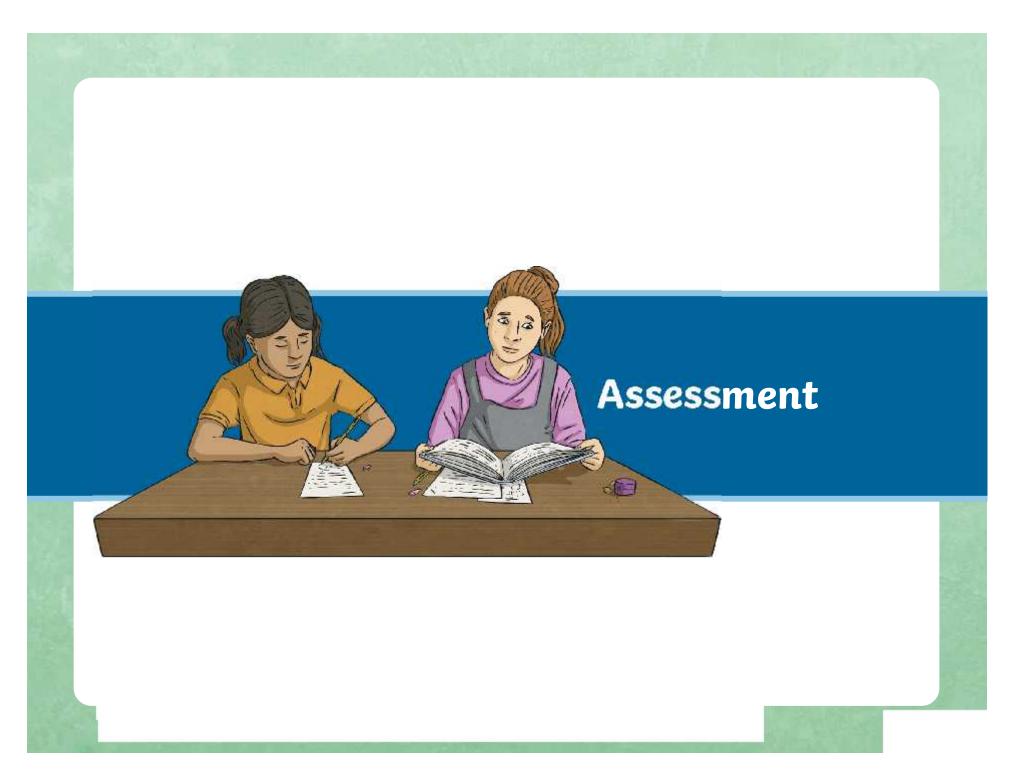
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Work on your own to complete the **Application Activity Sheet**.

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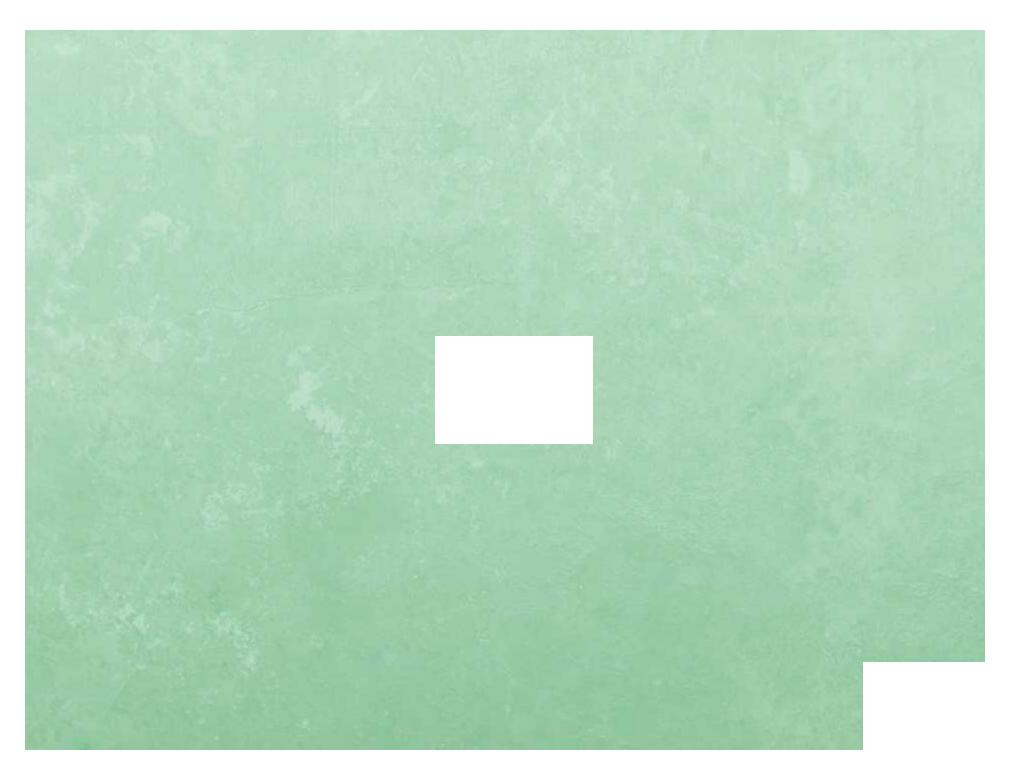
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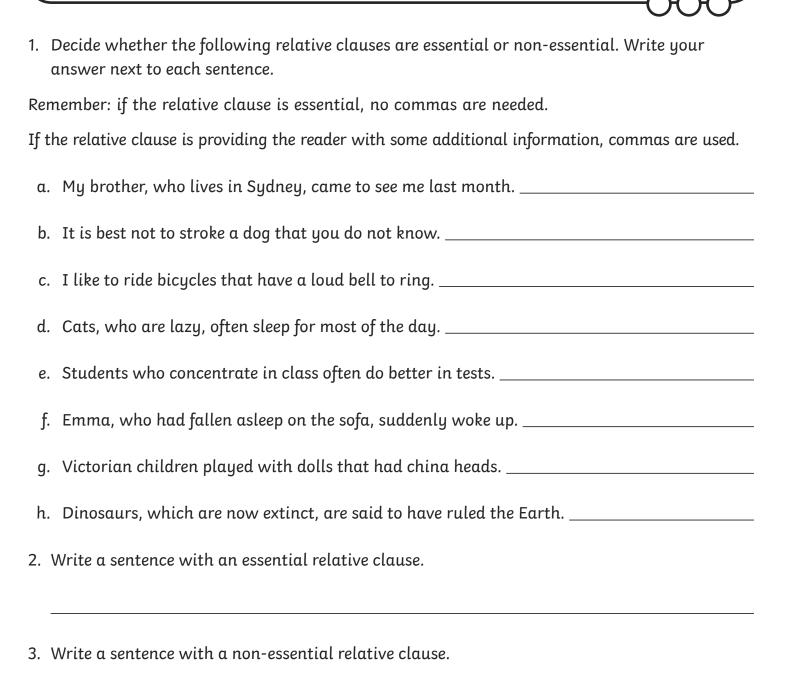
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To use relative clauses. Tell me more! Can you add relative clauses to this simple sentence to make it more interesting? Try adding different relative pronouns to see how it changes the sentence. that whom which who whose Simple Sentence Australia is a very large country. Improved with a Relative Clause Australia is a very large country, which has dangerous spiders.



Commas and Relative Clauses

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Commas and Relative Clauses Answers

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Remember: if the relative clause is essential, no commas are needed.

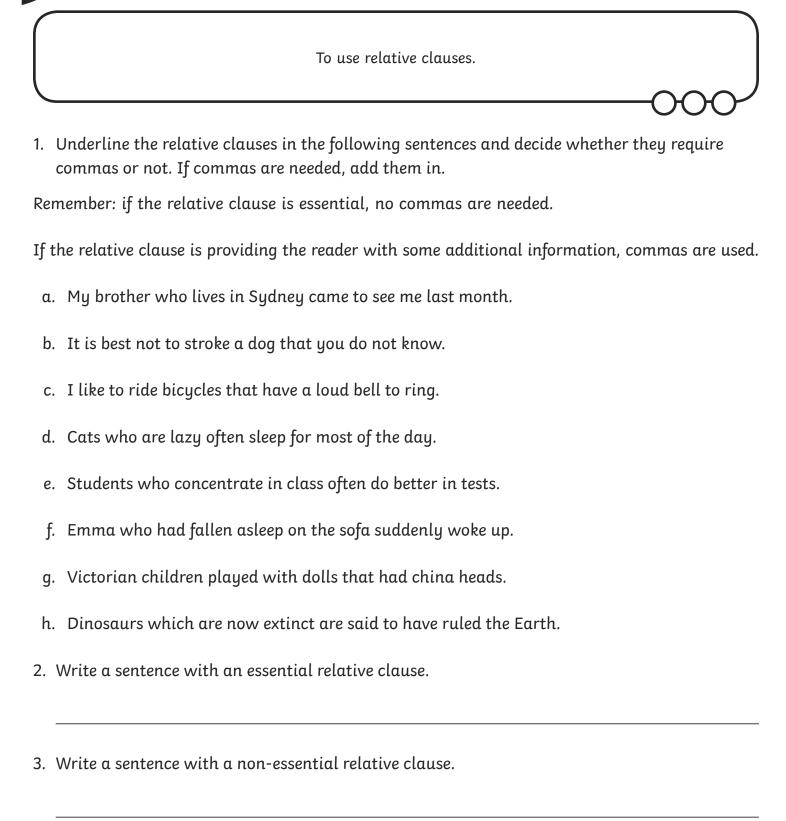
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Commas and Relative Clauses **Answers**

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Non-essential: My brothers, who are all younger than me, like to play on the computer.

b. I have one sister.

Essential: I have one sister who annoys me but the other one is nice.

Non-essential: My sister, who is older than me, annoys me.

c. I love shoes and have lots of pairs.

Essential: I love shoes that light up when you walk and I have lots of pairs of them.

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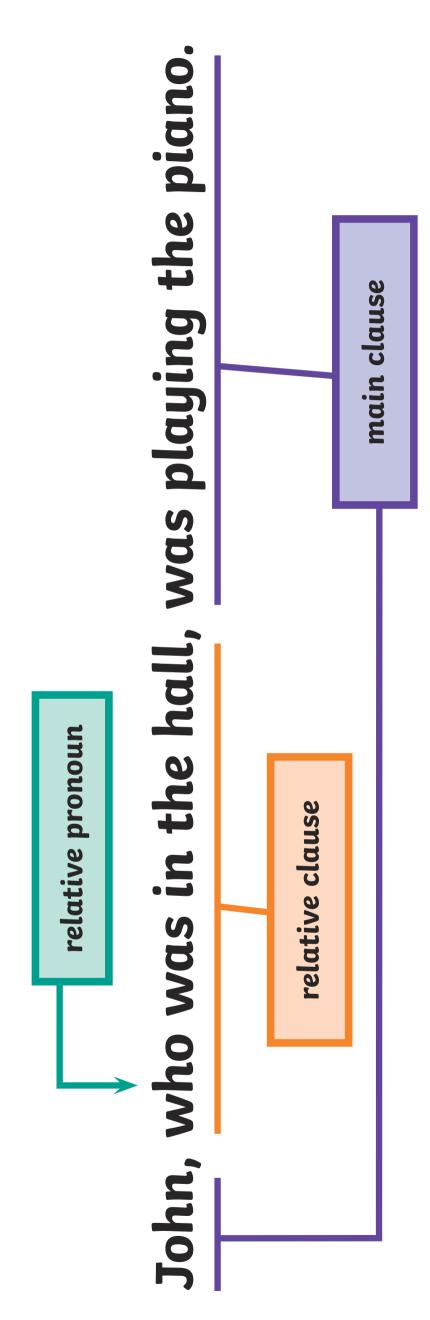
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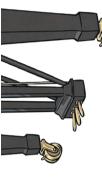
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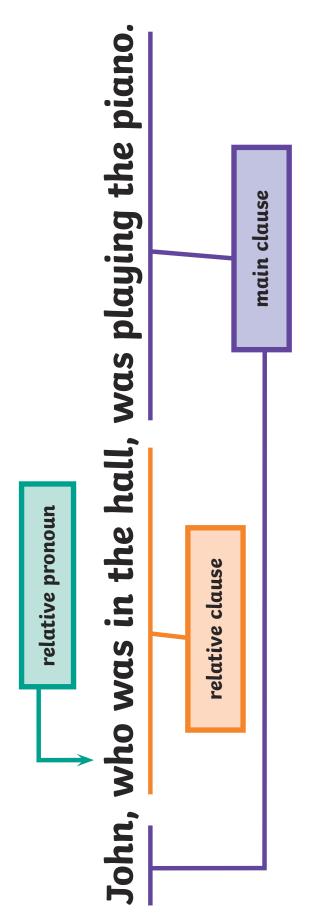
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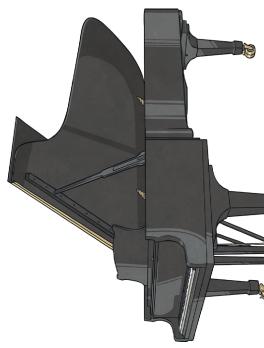
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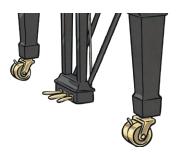
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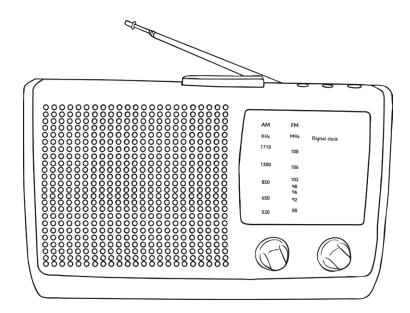
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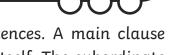
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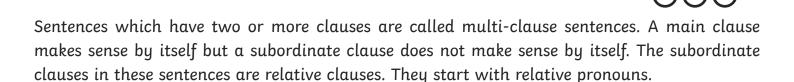
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