

B2 - RELATIVE CLAUSES (NON-DEFINING & ADVANCED)

© talkmor.com

The Details That Make the Difference - Remember this

A non-defining relative clause adds extra information. Use commas to separate it from the main sentence. Maya, who works in publishing, lives in London.
The hotel, which we booked online, was fully renovated.
Do not use that in non-defining relative clauses. Do not omit the relative pronoun.

A. Edit the magazine feature

A travel magazine has asked you to correct four sentences before publication. Each sentence contains one mistake involving a non-defining relative clause. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. Kyoto, that attracts millions of visitors every year, is famous for its temples.

_____

2. My uncle, who lives in Singapore has offered to help us move.

_____

3. The conference, which it was held last Friday, attracted over 300 people.

_____

4. Elena, which father designed the building, explained its unusual shape.

_____

B. Who or what does the detail describe?

Complete each sentence with the most suitable word or phrase. Use each answer once.

whose · which · where · whom

5. The charity, _____ founder received an international award, supports rural schools.
6. The museum, _____ we first met our guide, has recently reopened.
7. The documentary, _____ won three awards, is available online.
8. Professor Ahmed, _____ I interviewed last year, has published a new book.

C. One sentence, better writing

Combine each pair of sentences into one sentence using a non-defining relative clause. Make any necessary changes to punctuation.

9. The old library has finally reopened. It was damaged in a storm last year.

_____

10. My colleague has accepted a job in Canada. Her husband is Canadian.

_____

D. Meaning matters - Read the two sentences.

- A: The employees who completed the training received certificates.
- B: The employees, who completed the training, received certificates.

11. Which sentence suggests that only some employees completed the training? _____
12. Explain the difference in meaning between A and B in one sentence.

Permission granted to reproduce for classroom use. © talkmor.com 2026

Answer Key

1. Kyoto, which attracts millions of visitors every year, is famous for its temples.
2. My uncle, who lives in Singapore, has offered to help us move.
3. The conference, which was held last Friday, attracted over 300 people.
4. Elena, whose father designed the building, explained its unusual shape.
5. whose
6. where
7. which
8. whom
9. The old library, which was damaged in a storm last year, has finally reopened.
10. My colleague, whose husband is Canadian, has accepted a job in Canada.
11. A
12. A identifies the employees who completed the training, suggesting others may not have completed it. B presents the training as extra information about the employees as a group, suggesting they all completed it.

For questions 9 and 10, accept other grammatically correct combinations that preserve the original meaning.

Permission granted to reproduce for classroom use. © talkmor.com 2026