

Relative Clauses

Worksheet 1

A relative clause is a dependent clause that has a subject and a verb but cannot stand alone. There are two types of relative clauses: defining and non-defining. A defining relative clause tells us which nouns we are talking about. A non-defining relative clause provides extra information about something.

Directions: Read each sentence. Look at the relative clause and decide whether it is defining or non-defining. Write a D or ND on the blank.

1. I bought a new car that is very fast. _____
2. I like the lady that lives next door. _____
3. Buy me a candy bar, whichever is cheapest. _____
4. I live in London, which has amazing sights. _____
5. I love people who are kind to others. _____
6. I enjoy playing with dogs that are friendly. _____
7. Sammy hates the dog that bit her on the hand. _____
8. I'm looking for a secretary that can type quickly. _____
9. She has a son who is a doctor. _____
10. She loves the new teddy bear which I bought. _____
11. We went to visit the theater that Lucy recommended. _____
12. My boss, who is quite nice, lives in Virginia. _____
13. Yesterday I called Sarah, who lives in California. _____
14. I love the new Italian restaurant, which we went to last night. _____
15. Last night I bought a new television, which I hate now. _____

Answer Sheet

1. D

2. D

3. ND

4. ND

5. D

6. D

7. D

8. D

9. D

10. D

11. ND

12. ND

13. ND

14. ND

15. ND