

Adult Support Homework Task

This guide is intended to help you to support your child by providing a clear explanation of what a relative clause is. In addition, you will find a few practice questions based on the children's activity sheets in order to familiarise yourself with the activity beforehand. Use the children's activity sheets to help your child's understanding and use of relative clauses. Make sure you discuss the activities together to ensure that your child has a clear understanding of what a relative clause is.

Relative Clauses

A relative clause always starts with a relative pronoun such as **who**, **whose**, **which**, **that** or **whom**. A relative clause gives additional information about the noun that precedes it, for example:

John lives in London, **which** is the capital of England.

I don't like the footballer **who** has blonde hair.

A relative clause can also be an **embedded clause**. An embedded clause is one that is added to the middle of a main clause. For example:

John's car, **which** was brand new, was damaged when he scraped the wall.

Javine, **whose** aunty is famous, would like to be a movie star.

Adult Practice Task

Underline the relative clause in each sentence.

1. Gorillas are animals which live in Africa.
2. The unicorn, which had a pink horn, trotted through the forest.
3. Jake, who works in a bakery, is my cousin.
4. This is Geraldine, whose sister went to school with me.
5. We all sat on the chairs that had been laid out for us.

Join each pair of simple sentences below using a relative pronoun.

1. I have a friend called Neeta. Her family lives near mine.

2. My oven was broken. This meant I couldn't cook dinner.

3. I graduated from university. It was a wonderful place.

4. Waldo is a magician. He practises his magic tricks every day.

Add an embedded relative clause to the middle of each sentence below.

1. The knight, _____, rode through the cold village.

2. Maisie, _____, was going on holiday to Italy.

3. The castle, _____, was very popular with tourists.

4. The animals, _____, could walk freely amongst the cars in the safari park.

5. Kamar, _____, had never been on a rollercoaster before.

Adult Support Homework Task Answers

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