

LESSON 101

540 Relative clauses (1)

Relative pronoun

relate to

I have a black cat
adjective

I have a cat which is black
relative clause

The sentences "I have a black cat" and "I have a cat which is black" have the same meaning. In the second sentence, the clause "which is black" is called a relative clause, and, like the adjective "black" in the first sentence, it is telling us about the noun "cat". So, an adjective is a word that we use to describe a noun, and a relative clause is a clause that we use to describe a noun.

What is a relative clause?

A relative clause is a clause that we use to describe a noun

We put a relative clause immediately after the noun it describes, and it usually starts with a word like "who", "which" or "that". We call these words relative pronouns. In the sentence "Here is my house, which I love very much", the relative pronoun "which" relates to (or means) "my house", so the clause "which I love very much" means "I love my house very much".

Where do we put a relative clause?

We put a relative clause immediately after the noun it describes

What do we call the words "who", "which" and "that"?

We call the words "who", "which" and "that" relative pronouns

The difference between "who", "which" and "that" is that we use "who" for people, "which" for things and animals, and "that" for people, things and animals.

541 What's the difference between "who", "which" and "that"?

The difference between
"who", "which" and "that" is that ...

Give me a sentence with a relative clause in it, please.

I know a man who lives in that street.
The film that I saw yesterday was great.

Now, I will say two sentences and I want you to join them together using
a relative clause.

Yesterday, I saw a film. The film lasted for three hours.

Yesterday, I saw a film that
(or which) lasted for three hours

Mary has a friend. Her friend lives on a boat.

Mary has a
friend that (or who) lives on a boat

I am reading a book. My mother gave me the book.

I am reading a book that
(or which) my mother gave me

The waiter dropped a tray. He was carrying the tray.

The waiter dropped the tray
that (or which) he was carrying

proper

player

side

doorway

What is the proper number of players on each side for a game of
football?

The proper ... is eleven

Is it considered improper behaviour in this country for a man to go
through a doorway in front of a woman?

Yes, it's considered ...
- No, it isn't considered ...

backwards

forwards

sideways

upwards

downwards

542 The words "backwards", "forwards", "sideways" etc. mean "towards the
back", "towards the front", "towards the side" etc.

What do the words "backwards", "forwards", "sideways" etc. mean?

The words "backwards" ...
mean "towards the back" ...

What am I doing?

You're moving backwards and forwards

What am I doing? You're moving sideways

What's my hand doing? Your hand's moving upwards and downwards

Count the numbers in English from ten to fifteen backwards quickly.
15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10

What's he/she doing? He's/She's counting the numbers in English from 10 to 15 backwards quickly

Look up at the ceiling, please.

Is he/she looking upwards or downwards? He's/She's looking upwards

irritate

What kind of music irritates you? The kind of music that irritates me is ...

543 **When you're in a restaurant, do you get irritated if people at another table are talking very loudly?** Yes, when I'm ..., I get ... – No, when I'm ..., I don't get ...

as a rule

As a rule, do people in your town go to the cinema more on Saturday evenings than on Sunday evenings or vice versa? As a rule, people ...

waste

What do we do with waste paper? We throw waste paper away

Do you think it's a waste of time learning a foreign language which is little spoken in the world? Yes, I think it's ...
– No, I don't think it's ...

What kind of things do you consider to be a waste of time? The kind of things I consider to be ... are ...

What kind of things do you consider to be a waste of money? The kind of things I consider to be ... are ...

Why?

Do you ever waste your money? Yes, I sometimes ...
– No, I never ...

On what?

Do you ever waste your time?

Yes, I sometimes ...

– No, I never ...

How?

544 **Use of contractions**

Remember that, in conversation, we nearly always use contractions, like "I'm", "you've", "he'd" etc. However, we do not often use them in writing, especially formal writing.

When do we use contractions and when don't we use them?

We use contractions in conversation, but not often in writing, especially formal writing

terrible

What do you think's the most terrible thing that can happen to someone?

I think the most terrible ... is ...

leadership

Would you like to have the leadership of your country in your hands?

Yes, I'd like to have ... ~ No, I wouldn't like to have ...

Why or why not?

market

Do you have a market in the middle of your home town?

Yes, we have ... – No, we don't have ...

wonder

wonderful

so many

pyramid

Do you ever wonder what'll happen to you in the future?

Yes, I sometimes ... – No, I never ...

545 **What do you suppose will happen to you in the future?**

I suppose that ...

Have you ever wondered why some people are rich whilst others are poor?

Yes, I've sometimes ... ~ No, I've never ...

Why are children more often filled with wonder than adults?

I think the reason children are more ...
is that so many things are new to them

Name me one of the Seven Wonders of the World?

The Pyramids
are one of the Seven Wonders of the World

What's the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to you in your life?

The most wonderful thing that .. was ..

Idiom 2

fed up = bored and tired

e. g. I'm fed up with hearing him say the same old thing every time we meet.

What does the idiom "fed up" mean?

The idiom ...
"bored and tired"

Give me an example, please.

I'm just fed up with everything



Dictation 66

If there were/ no water in the world,/ I suppose/ we'd all die of thirst./ He kicked the ball/ right out of the stadium./ I'm not ready yet;/ you'll have to wait a few minutes./ He ate fried eggs for breakfast/ and roast chicken for lunch./ I just can't describe to you/ how beautiful it was./ Shut up and let me choose/ what I'd rather do myself./ After all,/ it's my own life,/ and so I should be free/ to decide things for myself.