# **72** Defining relatives

# 1 You use a relative clause to say exactly who or what you are talking about:

- a The girl got a three-week holiday in the US. b Which girl?
- b The girl who won first prize.
  (The girl who won first prize got a three-week holiday)
- a Do you remember the people?
  b Which people?
  The people we met on holiday.
- (Do you remember the people we met on holiday?)
- a Can I borrow that book? b Which book?
- a The book you told me about yesterday.
  (Can I borrow the book you told me about yesterday?)

#### 2 Clauses with who as subject:

You use clauses with who as subject to say which person or people you are talking about.

Who comes in front of the verb:

The people who live here have a funny accent.

You are the only person who can help us.

We met someone who used to work with your father.

You can also use that instead of who: The people that live here have a funny accent.



#### 3 Clauses with that as subject:

You use clauses with that as subject to say which thing or things you are talking about. That comes in front of the verb:

The car that caused the crash was going much too fast.

I need to catch the train that leaves at 7.45.

You can also use which instead of that:

The car which caused the crash was going much too fast.

Warning: You do not have a second subject in the relative clause. You do not say:

The people who bed live next door are friendly. The things which they were stolen were very valuable.

# 4 Clauses with that as object:

You use clauses with that as object to talk about people or things. That comes in front of the subject of the verb:

The car that I wanted to buy was not for sale.

Most of the people that we met were very friendly.

You often leave out that:

The car I wanted to buy was not for sale.

Warning: You do not have a second object in the relative clause. You do not say:

The car that I wanted to buy K was not for sale. Most of the people that I met them were very friendly.



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1	I don't know the names of the p	eople you talked to.
		we stayed in last year?
3	I have read everything	Agatha Christie wrote.
4	Thanks for the postcard	you sent us.
5	Pierre has a brother	played football for France once.
6	We're taking the train	leaves at 10.15.

Which of the sentences do not need a relative pronoun?

# B Fill in the gaps using a relative clause with this information:

cut/hair sell/meat sell/fruit and vegetables write/newspaper articles open/tins protect you/from the sun

\_\_\_\_\_ always think about money are sad, I think.

1	A barber is a man			
2	A woman			
	is called a hairdresser.			

3 Someone \_\_\_\_\_\_is a greengrocer.

4 A man or a woman \_\_\_\_\_\_ is called a journalist.

5 A tin-opener is something \_\_\_\_\_\_

6 A butcher is a man \_\_\_\_\_



## C Do you know someone who ...?

#### Complete the sentences following the model:

e.g. I know someone who can speak 3 languages.
OR I don't know anyone who can speak 3 languages.

1	has been to Iceland?
2	can play the guitar?
3	doesn't know how to swim?
4	wants to be an actor or actress'

### Make one sentence from the two sentences following the model:

e.g. I found a pen. You were looking for it.

I found the pen you were looking for.

- 1 Mr Davies is a dentist. My family goes to him.
- 2 Euro-net is a marketing company. My sister works for it.
- 3 Wine and cheese are the local products. This region is famous for them.
- 4 Simon is a friend of mine. He has just gone to New Zealand.