

DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES:

NO COMMAS

I bought some red wine. It tasted like ink

The red wine (which, that) I bought tasted like ink. () optional.

He made a promise. He didn't keep it

He made...

You heard a noise. It must have been the wind

The noise...

I waved to a man. He is my manager

The man...

We saw an actor on TV. What's his name?

What's the name...

You lent me a pen. I'm afraid I've lost it

I'm afraid I've lost...

The river is very deep. The river runs by my house

The river...

The bus leaves at 7. My sister is too late to catch it

My sister is...

The inhabitants of Concord have to pay only federal income tax

The only tax...

He tells jokes. I don't like them

I don't like...

You wrote a letter. It never arrived

The letter ...

John sent Mary some flowers. She liked them

Mary liked...

She met a man at a dance. She fell in love with him

She fell in love ...

That is the man. My best friend is going out with him

That is the man...

WHOSE Possesive relative pronoun.

This is Mr. Jones. His company exports to France

This is Mr. Jones, ...

That man's daughter has an original Picasso painting

That is the man...

That woman's son used to go to school with me

That is the woman...

The teacher is very pleased. His students passed the test successfully

The teacher...

WHERE - WHEN Relative adverbs.

That is the office I work in

That is the office ...

I study English in that school

That is the school...

This is the house. My grandmother was born in it.

This is...

That is the gym. We used to practise aerobics there

That is the gym...

He never forgot that bad meeting with Alice

He never forgot the bad day when...

NON DIFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES.

When the information given by the relative clause is not necessary for the understanding of the main clause, it is just extra information.

The relative clause is between commas and "that" cannot be used.

This author is now very popular. Nobody read him 20 years ago

This author, who nobody read 20 years ago, is now very popular.

This book costs \$4. I paid only 2 cents for it

This book, which I...

Torture is inhuman. It was normal in Chile during Pinochet's regime.

Torture, ...

My bicycle has been stolen. I left it there

(My bike,...

His evidence was proved to be false. No one doubted it at the time

His evidence,

My son starts school in September. He will be 5 years old next month.

My son,

Your new flat mate used to be my best friend. He works in that office

Your new...

London burnt down in 1666. It had to be rebuilt

London, ...

Mary had been driving all day. She was tired

Mary,

Mr. Smith died last week. He used to live next door to us,

Mr Smith,

I can't understand why Tim doesn't wear glasses. He is very short-sighted

I can't understand...

He studied Maths in Salamanca. Salamanca is famous for its university

He studied...

The Liverpool Express was late. It should have arrived at 3

The Liverpool Express,

The Titanic was the largest ship ever made. It had a length of 300 m

The Titaninc,

The last speaker made a good speech. He had never spoken in public before

The last speaker,

He grows flowers in his garden. He sells *most of them*

He,

The lorry crashed into a house. It was carrying a heavy load

The lorry,