

10A GRAMMAR relative clauses

- a Complete the text with *who*, *which*, *where*, or *whose*.

a place a song a number a photo a person an animal a shop an object

We asked students to tell us about their favourite things in life:

This week Elena, a student from Brazil, tells us about hers.

I have to say that my favourite place in the world is the village ¹ where I was born. I've travelled all over the world but it's still the place ² _____ I love the most. A song... that's an easy one! It's *Lady in Red* by Chris de Burgh, for two reasons. Firstly, it was the colour of the dress ³ _____ I was wearing the night I met my husband. Secondly, it was the song ⁴ _____ the DJ played as we danced. The number ⁵ _____ I've chosen is the number nine. My grandmother, ⁶ _____ used to live with us when I was a child, always asked me to get her a lottery ticket with this number. I think that's why I like it so much. For a photo, I've chosen a black and white photo of my parents ⁷ _____ I've had for about 20 years. Every time I look at it, I can see two happy people in their early twenties ⁸ _____ lives were about to change forever. Why? Well because my mum was pregnant with me in the photo! My English teacher at school was the woman ⁹ _____ inspired me to love languages. So, I've chosen her to be my favourite person. Animals? No question about it! The animals ¹⁰ _____ I like most are dogs. The shop ¹¹ _____ I could spend all day would be one selling perfumes and cosmetics. Finally, an object ¹² _____ is very special to me is my engagement ring, because it used to belong to my husband's grandmother. It's beautiful.



- b In which sentences could you also use *that*?

- c In which sentences could you leave out *who* or *which*?

- d Combine the two sentences using a non-defining relative clause.

- Our neighbours are both teachers. They work at the same school.
Our neighbours, who are both teachers, work at the same school.
- Pablo Picasso's best known painting is *Guernica*. He was born in Malaga in 1881.
Pablo Picasso, _____, was born in Malaga in 1881.
- Canberra is the capital of Australia. It's smaller than Sydney and Melbourne.
Canberra, _____, is smaller than Sydney and Melbourne.
- Our local post office has closed down. I used to work there.
Our local post office, _____, has closed down.
- Lionel Messi is possibly the most talented footballer of his generation. He was born in Rosario in Argentina.
Lionel Messi, _____, is possibly the most talented footballer of his generation.
- The hurricane caused millions of dollars' worth of damage. It was the worst for over 75 years.
The hurricane, _____, caused millions of dollars' worth of damage.

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- e Read a again. Write a paragraph about your favourite things in life.

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- a 2 which 3 which 4 which 5 which 6 who
7 which 8 whose 9 who 10 which 11 where
12 which
- b 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12
- c 2, 3, 4, 5, 10
- d 2 whose best known painting is *Guernica*
3 which is the capital of Australia
4 where I used to work
5 who was born in Rosario in Argentina
6 which was the worst for over 75 years