

# Add a Relative Clause

Relative clauses usually add more information about a noun in a sentence. They help make your work more interesting for the reader. Below is a list of simple sentences with a relative pronoun at the end. Please rewrite each sentence again and add a sensible relative clause. Remember to add a comma before the relative pronoun. For example:

I can't swim. **which**

I can't swim, **which means that I don't like going near water.**

1. Spain is a very hot country. **where**

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2. Roald Dahl was a famous author. **who**

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3. Hamid is having a party next year. **when**

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4. The girl in the dress is Cinderella. **whose**

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5. A cat has sharp claws. **which**

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6. Sarah looks just like her mum. **whose**

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7. Usain Bolt is a sprinter. **who**

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8. Children don't always go to school. **where**

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9. People keep their pets indoors on Bonfire Night. **when**

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10. A bike has brakes. **which**

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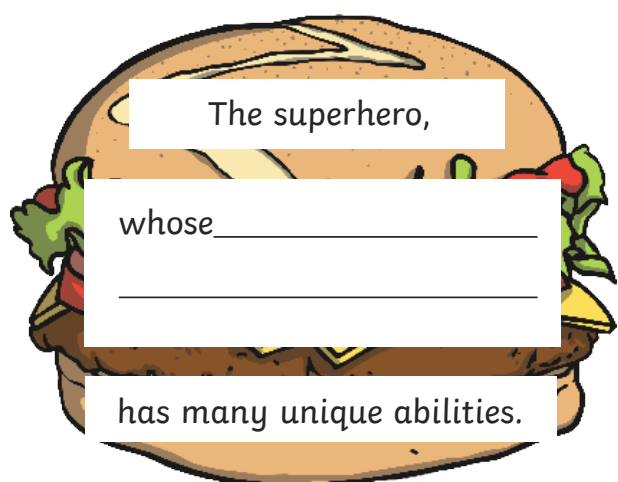
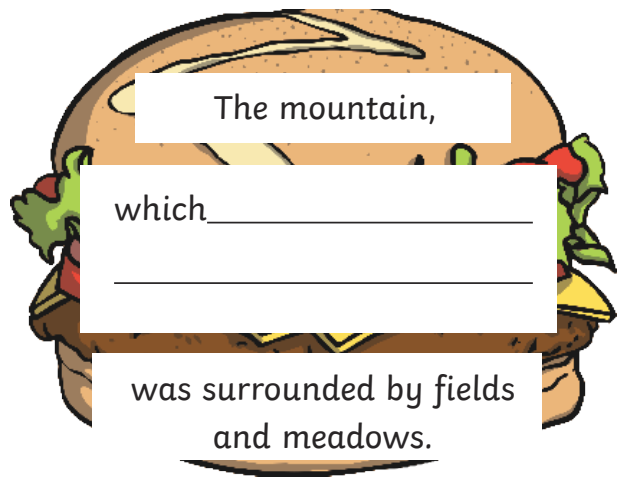
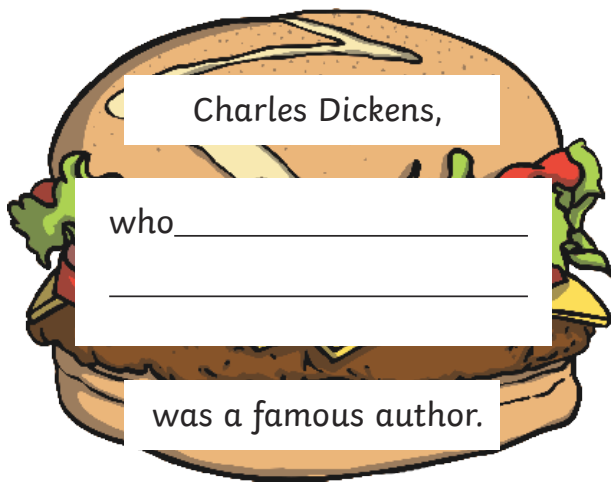
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Relative clauses can also be 'dropped in' (or embedded) into the middle of sentence after the noun they are giving extra information about. For example:

Luke likes playing football.

Luke, **who is very sporty**, likes to play football.

In the example above, the relative clause has been placed in the middle of the sentence after the noun 'Luke' that it gives more information about. Think of it as a cheeseburger. The relative clause is the meat that fills the middle of the bun and the bun is the main clause. Complete the cheeseburgers below by adding an embedded clause to the burger.



# Spot the Clause

Sentences that contain relative clauses are called complex sentences because they contain a main clause and a relative clause. The relative clause starts with a relative pronoun and can't be a sentence by itself.

Using two different colours, highlight the main clause in each sentence and the relative clause in a different colour. For example:

- My daughter's hair is very curly, **which makes it hard to brush.**
- Take it to Sarah, **who is in the kitchen.**
- Snow, **which is very cold,** can be used to make snowmen.

1. Usain Bolt, whose home is in Jamaica, has won lots of gold medals.
2. I like to go to the beach in the summer, when it is very sunny.
3. Ben, who has brown hair, likes to play computer games.
4. The girl in the princess outfit is called Mia, who always plays dressing up.
5. There aren't any biscuits left, which means somebody must have eaten them all.
6. Perth, which has many sunny days, is a city in Australia.
7. The boy's trainers, which are brand new, were covered in mud.
8. The lady by the piano is a musician, who likes to give music lessons.

**Challenge:** Now write your own sentence with a relative clause.

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