

Relative clauses for cohesion

Need a refresher?

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Starter: Highlight the relative clauses in the sentences below.

- I ride a bike that has a really loud bell.
- I'm really happy with the homework which I handed in yesterday.
- Freddie, who had stopped the goal from going in, was congratulated by his friends.
- The dog, whose paws were muddy, was made to wait outside.
- The cafe, where we eat every Friday, is closing down.

Main task

Inspector Dalton flicked through the file for the hundredth time that day. His notes, which were normally quite helpful, just made him more annoyed.

He remembered Mickey Delaney's smug, leering grin, which the criminal had worn as he walked free that morning. Delaney had to be guilty. Dalton could see it in his eyes. He knew Mickey was lying but where was the proof that the inspector needed to lock him up?

Dalton, who was growing increasingly frustrated, ran through the details of the case in his mind. The back room of the club. The mocking face drawn on the king of clubs. Where was the final piece of the puzzle? What was he missing?

There was a loud knock at the door and Sergeant Hogarth burst in. The sergeant, normally very calm, was flapping an evidence bag wildly. The bag, which was small and transparent, appeared to contain the key to a safety deposit box.

- In the second paragraph, does the relative pronoun 'which' refer to Delaney, his grin or the inspector?
- If a relative clause was added after the words 'The back room of the club', would it start with who, where or whom?
- Identify a sentence in paragraph four that has an omitted relative pronoun.
- Find and copy two relative clauses from the text.

Extension

- Change the relative clause below to give different information about the beach.

Surfrider Beach, where Mikaela and her family were visiting, was one of the best places to surf in the world. Mikaela, who had been surfing since she was a child, was thrilled to be here again.

- Sabrina says,**



The relative clause 'who had been surfing since she was a child' refers to the surfboard.

Is she correct?

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Main activity

- a) his grin
- b) where
- c) The sergeant, who was normally very calm, was flapping an evidence bag wildly.
- d) Various answers, for example: which were normally quite helpful; which the criminal had worn as he walked free that morning; who was getting increasingly frustrated.

Extension

Various possible answers, for example: where celebrities could often be spotted, which had the whitest sands,

Sabrina is incorrect because the relative clause 'who had been surfing since she was a child' refers to Mikaela.