



- Man: Oh look! It's that actor whose films we love!
- Woman: Are you sure?
- Man: Yes, he's the one who's always in films with Julia Roberts.
- Woman: I don't recognise him.
- Man: Don't you remember his film about the bank robbery which goes wrong? It was hilarious!
- Woman: Oh, I know the one. So, is that his girlfriend?
- Man: Yes, but it isn't the same girlfriend that he brought last year.
- Woman: Really? What happened!
- Man: Well, the newspapers say he wouldn't answer the phone one day when she called him.

## Presentation

Use *who, which, that, whose, where* and *when* to introduce defining relative clauses. These clauses give us essential information about people, things, possessions, places or a time.

- Use *who* for people: *He's an actor **who** makes science-fiction films.*
- Use *which* for things: *I only watch films **which** make me laugh.*
- Use *whose* for possessions: *That's the actor **whose** new film we saw last week.*
- Use *where* for a place: *That's the town **where** we met.*
- Use *when* for a time: *He wouldn't answer the phone one day **when** she called him.*

You can also use *that* for people or things instead of *who* or *which*:

*It isn't the same girlfriend **that** he brought last year.*

*It isn't the same girlfriend **who** he brought last year.*

## Exercises

### 1 Match 1–6 to a–f.

- 1 He's the person
- 2 He only does jobs
- 3 I saw him at the weekend at that café
- 4 Ten thirty is the time
- 5 That's the manager whose
- 6 He came to the office to see the new girl that

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- a who's always late for work.
- b job I want.
- c when we normally break for coffee.
- d which he likes doing.
- e works in accounts!
- f where we often go after work.

## 2 Complete the conversation with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

when where which who whose

- A: This is the villa <sup>1</sup> ..... we stayed. It was next to the sea.  
 B: Looks nice.  
 A: It was. And these are the people <sup>2</sup> ..... car we borrowed.  
 They were very generous.  
 B: Yes, they were. Who's this?  
 A: He's the man <sup>3</sup> ..... showed us round the island.  
 He was a really good tour guide. One day we went to a parade  
<sup>4</sup> ..... always takes place at the end of the summer.  
 Here's a photograph of it. It's a special day <sup>5</sup> .....  
 everyone dresses up and walks through the streets.



## 3 Which answers in exercise 2 can you replace with *that*? .....

## 4 Complete the sentences with *who*, *which*, *whose*, *where* or *when* and the phrases in the box.

controls the traffic new song we like so much stores information you can relax you feel a little special



1 It's something .....



2 It's a place .....



3 That's the band .....



4 It's someone .....



5 It's the one day in the year .....

## 5 Complete these sentences so that they are true for you.

- 1 A good teacher is someone who .....  
 2 The best part of the year is the period when .....  
 3 Home is a place where .....  
 4 I usually read books which .....  
 5 ..... is a singer whose music I really like.