

Defining and Non - Defining Relative Clauses

Defining Relative Clauses

It is a structure that defines a name and makes it distinctive. For example, if we just say ‘the woman is looking at you’, the people across us will not understand who we are talking about and “which woman?” she needs to ask a question.

- Marcan stole the silver bracelet that / which was in the safe. (Which ring stole?)
- A teacher that / who doesn't like her job cannot teach well. (Which teacher?)
- People that / who watch film a lot don't read much. (Which people don't read too much?)

Non - Defining Relative Clauses

The name described in this sentence is the word ‘my mother’. It is clear who is meant by saying “Mother” and there is no need to define it separately. So the other party, “Which mother?” He does not ask a question. All that is done in the above sentence is that additional information about the mother of the person in question has been given, which is separated from the main sentence by a comma.

- Jesica, who always does my make up, has moved to another hairdresser's.