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Relative Clauses: Acting Like an Adjective

A relative clause is a clause that describes a noun and uses a relative pronoun. The relative pronouns are *that*, *who/whoever*, *whom/whomever*, *whose*, *which*, and sometimes *when*, *where*, *what*, and *why*.

Two sentences can be combined by using a relative clause.

Example: Here is my dog. This dog likes to play.

Combining the two with a relative clause: Here is my dog that likes to play.

The relative pronoun in the sentence is *that*. The relative clause modifies, or describes, the *dog*. Below are sets of sentences. Rewrite each set making just one sentence with a relative clause.

- 1) The man is my father. He is standing by the window.
- 2) My sister is smart. She makes all As.
- 3) Sam likes hamburgers. He likes the hamburgers his mother makes
- 4) Kara runs fast. She is in my class.
- 5) We're going to the opera. It may be boring
- 6) The car belongs to his neighbor. It is parked in the driveway.
- 7) The editor of the newspaper is new to the area. He wrote an unpopular editorial.
- 8) The old house burned down last week. No one lived there.

Answers Key

Actual answer may vary.

1) The man is my father. He is standing by the window.

The man who is standing by the window is my father.

2) My sister is smart. She makes all As.

My sister, who is smart, makes all As.

3) Sam likes hamburgers. He likes the hamburgers his mother makes

Sam likes hamburgers that his mother makes.

4) Kara runs fast. She is in my class.

Kara, who is in my class, runs fast

5) We're going to the opera. It may be boring

We're going to the opera, which may be boring.

6) The car belongs to his neighbor. It is parked in the driveway.

The car that belongs to his neighbor is parked in the driveway.

7) The editor of the newspaper is new to the area. He wrote an unpopular editorial.

The editor of the newspaper, who is new to the area, wrote an unpopular editorial.

8) The old house burned down last week. No one lived there.

The old house where no one lived burned down last week.