

Defining and Non-defining Relative Clauses Exercise

In this quiz you have to decide which type of clause you are looking at. Before starting the quiz review the key [differences between defining and non-defining relative clauses](#).

This is the main difference:

- **Defining:** *These give essential information, which cannot be left out of the sentence.*
- **Non-defining:** *These give extra information, and could be left out of the sentence without changing the main message.*

Choose whether the sentence includes a defining or non-defining relative clause.

1. She is the one who kindly helped me with my shopping.

- A. Defining
- B. Non-defining

2. Can I buy the dress that's displayed in the window?

- A. Defining
- B. Non-defining

3. My brother, who lives in Boston, is an accountant.

- A. Defining
- B. Non-defining

4. The house he bought, which is in central London, is really beautiful.

- A. Defining
- B. Non-defining

5. Paris is the city where I grew up.

- A. Defining
- B. Non-defining

6. Anne, whose sister is also a friend of mine, is going to join us for dinner.

- A. Defining
- B. Non-defining

7. The play that my friend was in was a bit boring.

- A. Defining
- B. Non-defining

8. My employers haven't given me my holiday pay yet, which really isn't fair.

- A. Defining
- B. Non-defining

9. President Kennedy, whom I really admire, was assassinated in 1963.

- A. Defining
- B. Non-defining

10. They are the children whose father was arrested yesterday.

- A. Defining
- B. Non-defining

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Answers

1. A
2. A
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. B
9. B
10. A

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