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I The following sentences contain mistakes in the relative clauses. Find and correct them.

I have a dog which name is Joe. \rightarrow whose

- a. A small amount of jewellery who was taken by the thief was later found.
- b. Dr Tom Banks, that is an aviation expert, was asked to comment on the latest plane crash.
- c. The Masters course, who I took in 2009, is no longer taught at the college.
- d. The supermarket is the place which I buy most of my weekly shopping.
- e. Professor Stevenson, which I have long admired, is to visit the university next week.

II Match the first half of the sentence in column A with an appropriate second half in column B.

Α	В
Take the book	half of which are brand new.
He is now able to beat his father,	that is in the top drawer.
John pointed to the doorway	by which we need to apply for the vacancy.
It may be the most important decision	from whom he learned to play chess.
They have changed the date	that led downstairs.
The school has been given 10 laptops,	that you will ever take.

III Put (D) for defining or (ND) for non-defining relative clause in these sentences.

The money that was collected at the concert was given to charity. **D**

- a. Mary's father, who is over 70, has just come back from a skiing holiday.
- b. There isn't much that can go wrong with the machine.
- c. The boy who took the photograph was paid \$100.
- d. My sister, whose job was filing shelves in the supermarket, is now general manager of a department store.
- e. The coastline is the area where the land meets the sea.

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Answer key

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- a. \rightarrow that
- b. \rightarrow who
- c. \rightarrow which
- d. \rightarrow where
- e. \rightarrow whom

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d. My sister, whose job was filing shelves in the supermarket, is now general manager of a department store. ND

The coastline is the area where the land meets the sea. D e.

Differences between defining and non-defining relative clauses