

I Add the relative pronoun.

- a. The area of Spain _____ my family most likes to visit on holiday is Catalonia, _____ is in the northwest of the Iberian Peninsula.
- b. The Prime Minister, to _____ I was introduced last week, is extremely fond of our country.
- c. Someone _____ I really admire is Mr Jones, _____ spends all his time raising money for charities _____ care for children.
- d. They are not terribly fond of the food _____ is served there, because the people _____ prepare the food, most of _____ are French, use too many spices for their liking.
- e. The lady _____ apartment we rent is often abroad on business, _____ is why she lets it out.

II Underline the relative clause in these sentences.

The professor whose lecture you attended is well known here.

- a. The fire which the Fire Department has been trying to put out for several hours is now under control.
- b. My sister, whom I can always depend on for help, lent me some money for the car.
- c. These books, which you can get at any bookshop, will provide with all the information you need.
- d. Next week there is a festival, which happens in the town every summer.
- e. The programme, which I mentioned last week, is a new series which started on May 1st.

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

The decision was postponed, which was exactly what he wanted. **ND**

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- b. The musicians whom the company had hired for the office party arrived later than expected.
- c. The people we were talking to had been on a journey through some parts of Africa, which sounded very exciting.
- d. The street which our store is located on is a very busy one.
- e. The old book, the author of which is unknown, influenced me greatly.

Answer key

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- a. that; which
- b. whom
- c. whom/that; who; that
- d. that; who/that; whom
- e. whose; which

Note: In defining/restrictive relative clauses, though sometimes 'which' is used, we tend to use 'that' instead. However, in the case of a person, 'who' or 'that' is ok.

II

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III

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