

Relative Clauses

What are relative clauses?

A relative clause is a subordinate clause that modifies a noun or a noun phrase.

Example:

The man who is smoking is the murderer

The noun the man is modified by the relative clause who is smoking.

Relative clauses give essential information to define or identify the person or thing we are talking about.

How to use relative clauses

They are used to provide extra information. This information can either:

- define something (defining clause)

Example:

The girl who is standing there is a world champion in karate.

- or provide unnecessary, but interesting information (non-defining clause).

Example:

Michael Jackson, who was a famous singer, died of an overdose.

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