

ENTREPRENEURS: Review of relative clauses

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

- In Latin American Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese there is no distinction between relative pronouns referring to things or people, so confusion of *who* and *that* can be a persistent problem.
- Also, the relative pronoun is not omitted in Latin American Spanish and only rarely omitted in Brazilian Portuguese, so students are often reluctant to omit it themselves, and sometimes find it difficult to understand sentences where this happens (contact clauses), e.g. *The dress she bought was too big.*

ANSWERS

EXERCISE 1

- 1 Have you been to that new store that sells fruit shampoos?
- 2 I want a job that will keep me interested.
- 3 I don't like restaurants that serve junk food.
- 4 Correct
- 5 What's the name of the man who / that owns Microsoft?
- 6 On vacation, they found a bank that would change their money.
- 7 She bought the car that was the cheapest.
- 8 Did you spend the money that ~~one~~ you saved?

EXERCISE 2

Note: Tell the students that they have to add more words than just the relative pronouns.

- 1 She's the pop singer who / that lives in Spain.
- 2 They are the couple that got married in Bermuda.
- 3 My brother is the architect that / who designed this building.
- 4 I want to buy a cellphone that has a camera.

- 5 Paris is a city that is famous for food.
- 6 We want to buy the house that is near the beach.
- 7 He's the politician who / that wants to be president.
- 8 She only drinks coffee that is grown in Colombia.

EXERCISE 3

Note: remind the students that they will have to add words.

- 1 That's the girl who's / that's going out with Marcelo.
- 2 That's the man who / that lives in the big house across from the movie theater.
- 3 That's the woman who / that works with my sister.
- 4 That's the man who / that has ten children.
- 5 That's the girl who / that can play the harp.
- 6 That's the woman who / that has a hundred pairs of shoes.
- 7 That's the man who / that writes articles in the local newspaper.
- 8 That's the man who / that teaches karate in your cousin's school.

PERSONALIZE IT!

- Ask the students to role-play the situation in exercise 3 in the classroom. One student pretends to be a friend that nobody knows.
- You could also ask the students to bring in photographs of people and then describe them to other students in groups using relative clauses.

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EXERCISE 1

Find the mistakes in these sentences and correct them.
You may need to add words.

- 1 Have you been to that new store who sells fruit shampoos?
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- 2 I want a job will keep me interested.
.....
- 3 I don't like restaurants what serve junk food.
.....
- 4 He works for a woman who he likes.
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- 5 What's the name of the man which owns Microsoft?
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- 6 On vacation, they found a bank who would change their money.
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- 7 She bought the car was the cheapest.
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- 8 Did you spend the money that one you saved?
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EXERCISE 2

Make sentences with relative clauses using the words given. You may need to add words.

man / live / next door / your aunt
He's the man who / that lives next door to your aunt......

- 1 she / pop singer / live / Spain
.....
- 2 they / couple / get married / Bermuda
.....
- 3 my brother / architect / design / that building
.....
- 4 I want to buy / cellphone / has / camera
.....
- 5 Paris is / city / is famous / food
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- 6 we / want / buy / house / is / near beach
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- 7 he's / politician / want / be / president
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- 8 she / only / drink / coffee / grow / in Colombia
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EXERCISE 3

You are at a party with a friend who doesn't know anyone there. Use the words to describe the people.

man / play in my brother's soccer team
That's the man who / that plays on my brother's soccer team......

- 1 girl / go out with Marcelo
.....
- 2 man / live / big house across from the movie theater
.....
- 3 woman / work with my sister
.....
- 4 man / have ten children
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- 5 girl / can play the harp
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