



GRAMMAR PRACTICE

Relative Clauses in Digital Life

Digital Life and Technology | Defining relative clauses | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

1. Lead-in discussion

Talk with a partner. You may already use relative clauses without noticing them.

No.	Question
1	Describe a tech device that is really important to you.
2	Name an app which helps you learn, relax or stay organised.
3	Think of a website where students can find useful information.
4	Describe a person who uses technology responsibly.

2. Grammar in context

Read the text. The bold phrases show relative clauses used in a natural digital-life context.

Using Technology Responsibly

Many students now use apps **which help them organise homework**, revise vocabulary and receive instant feedback. These tools can be useful, especially for learners **who need extra practice outside class**.

However, digital life also brings risks. Social media platforms **where people share photos and opinions** can become distracting. Users **whose privacy settings are weak** may accidentally share personal information with strangers.

A responsible digital citizen is someone **who thinks carefully before posting** and uses websites **that protect personal data**. Schools can also teach students how to recognise scams, avoid unknown links and create strong passwords **which are difficult to guess**.

3. Notice the pattern

Use a relative clause to identify the person, thing or place you mean. In defining relative clauses, commas are usually not needed.

Use	Relative word	Example
People	who / that	Teenagers who spend too long online may lose concentration.
Things	which / that	An app which tracks screen time can help students manage habits.
Places	where	A platform where students share work should protect personal information.
Possession	whose	Users whose passwords are weak are more likely to be hacked.

4. Build accurate sentences

Join each pair of sentences with a relative clause. Then write two examples of your own.

No.	Sentences	Use	Your answer
1	A chatbot is a tool. It can answer questions quickly.	which/that	
2	Some students use websites. The websites offer instant feedback.	which/that	
3	Digital citizens should protect accounts. Their accounts contain personal information.	whose	
4	Online learning platforms are useful places. Students can review lessons there.	where	

1. _____

2. _____

5. Use it in exam answers

Complete the tasks using relative clauses naturally.

Task	What to do
Speaking	Describe one app or website that helps students learn. Use at least two relative clauses.
Writing	Write three sentences for an article about safe technology habits. Include who, which/that and where.
Reading	Underline two relative clauses in the context text. Decide what each clause gives extra information about.

6. Common mistakes

Correct the mistakes. Think about people, things, places and commas.

No.	Mistake	Your correction
1	The app who blocks adverts is useful.	_____
2	A student which shares passwords is taking a risk.	_____
3	This is a website which students upload homework.	_____
4	People, who use public Wi-Fi, should be careful.	_____

7. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

1. What is one website that you use for learning? Why is it useful?
2. What is one online habit which can waste time?
3. Should schools block apps that distract students? Why or why not?
4. Describe a person who uses technology responsibly.

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4. Build accurate sentences

1. A chatbot is a tool which can answer questions quickly.
 2. Some students use websites which offer instant feedback.
 3. Digital citizens whose accounts contain personal information should protect them.
 4. Online learning platforms are useful places where students can review lessons.
- Own answers will vary. Check that each sentence uses who, which/that, where or whose accurately.

6. Common mistakes

1. The app which/that blocks adverts is useful.
2. A student who/that shares passwords is taking a risk.
3. This is a website where students upload homework.
4. People who use public Wi-Fi should be careful.

Notes for checking

1. who/that = people: students who use AI responsibly
2. which/that = things: apps which save time
3. where = places or online spaces: platforms where students upload homework
4. whose = possession: users whose passwords are weak
5. Defining relative clauses usually do not need commas.