

1 Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 Last year, my uncle moved to Berlin, | a which used to belong to Beyoncé. |
| 2 Bella, who comes from a very wealthy family, | b used to go to my school. |
| 3 My sister owns a dress | c where he works for a German car manufacturer. |
| 4 Dave and Angela, whose mother is a famous singer, | d got a sports car for her eighteenth birthday. |
| 5 Tanya and Steve live in Paris, | e is doing his first marathon in August. |
| 6 My birthday cake, which was made by my aunt, | f don't like listening to music. |
| 7 The girl over there, who has red hair, | g where they first met. |
| 8 Tom, who runs 25 km every week, | h is delicious. |

2 Complete the text with the non-defining relative clauses below. Add commas where necessary.

who was my aunt's favourite actor
 which he took from his pocket
 which was in a small restaurant in North London
 who all loved the script

who was wearing dark glasses and a baseball cap
 who took drama and media studies at university
 which was very funny and original
 which she sent to his agent

My aunt, ¹ _____ wanted to make a romantic comedy film. She wrote her own script, ² _____ in 2006. She then spent several years trying to find investors for her film, but was unsuccessful. Her friends, ³ _____ advised her to contact Colin Redway, ⁴ _____. Colin didn't reply to my aunt's letter, ⁵ _____. But then something amazing happened. My aunt went to a friend's birthday party, ⁶ _____. She was talking about the film when a stranger, ⁷ _____ came up to her table. 'I love the idea of that film!' said the stranger. 'Send me the script!' He wrote down his email address on a card, ⁸ _____. Then he disappeared. When my aunt looked at the card later, she realised that it was Colin Redway!

3 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Take it in turns to add information about these people / places / things. Use non-defining relative clauses.

- Angelina Jolie
- Barack Obama
- Buckingham Palace
- Canada
- The Statue of Liberty
- Nelson Mandela
- My house

Angelina Jolie is an actor.

Angelina Jolie, who is an actor, is married to Brad Pitt.

Angelina Jolie, who is an actor, is married to Brad Pitt, who starred in *Fury*.

Angelina Jolie, who is an actor, is married to Brad Pitt, who starred in *Fury*, which is a film about ...

6D Non-defining relative clauses

Aims: To review non-defining relative clauses.

Time: 10–15 minutes

Materials: One handout for each student

Exercise 1

- Give each student a handout and ask them to do exercise 1, either individually or in pairs.

KEY

1 c 2 d 3 a 4 f 5 g 6 h 7 b 8 e

Exercise 2

- Students read a short text and then complete it with the correct non-defining relative clause. Ask them to read through the text quickly first before they try to complete it and ask a couple of simple comprehension questions:
What did the aunt want to do? (make a romantic comedy film) *Where did she meet Colin Redway?* (at a friend's birthday party)

KEY

- 1 who took drama and media studies at university,
- 2 which was very funny and original,
- 3 who all loved the script,
- 4 who was my aunt's favourite actor
- 5 which she sent to his agent
- 6 which was in a small restaurant in North London
- 7 who was wearing dark glasses and a baseball cap,
- 8 which he took from his pocket

Exercise 3

- Students add information to a statement using non-defining relative clauses. Students can also suggest their own starting sentences which could refer to their school or town.