

Relative clause

A type of subordinate clause used to adapt, modify or describe a noun. Creates a clearer picture and often starts with a relative pronoun: *who, which, where, when, whose, that*

Examples: Each sentence has a main clause followed by a subordinate clause. A relative pronoun starts the subordinate clause.

That's the girl who lives near us.

I live in Scarborough, which has a lovely beach.

They can also be regularly used as an embedded clause:

Nelson Mandela, who became South Africa's first black president, died on 5th December 2013.

Embedded clause is 'framed' within commas.

Examples of modal verbs

*will would should could might may can shall ought to
cannot could not should not will not might not must not*

Commas to clarify meaning

Commas are used to separate parts of a sentence.

Without them sentences can be misleading.

Let's eat kids!

This suggests we are going to eat children.

Let's eat, kids!

This suggests we are going to eat something with the kids.

Vocabulary

ambiguity	where a sentence could have more than one meaning
bracket	a form of punctuation placed around extra information that has been added to a sentence
adverb	a word that describes a verb, telling us when, where, how often and how much a verb is done
adverbial	a group of words that functions as an adverb
cohesion	the words chosen to link ideas and sentences smoothly
dash	a punctuation mark that can be used within a sentence (instead of brackets or a colon) to show parenthesis
modal verb	a verb which is used to indicate possibility, obligation or ability
parenthesis	a word, phrase, or sentence that is inserted into writing as extra information using brackets, commas or dashes
relative clause	a specific type of subordinate clause that adapts, describes or modifies a noun (e.g. who, what, which, that)
relative pronoun	a word that introduces a dependent (or relative) clause and connects it to an independent clause
verb prefixes	letters added to the start of a base word to create a verb
verb suffixes	letters added to the end of a base word to create a verb

Building cohesion within and across paragraphs

Transitional phrases and fronted adverbials allow us to show relationships between ideas and logically connect sentences and paragraphs.

addition	contrasting	giving an example
Also	Although	For example
First	Despite that	In conclusion
Finally	Even so	After all
In addition to	Instead	In other words
Similarly	Otherwise	Of course
As well as	Besides	Especially
Likewise	Though	Particularly
Together with		
time	summarising	place
Until now	All in all	Above
Soon after	In other words	Below
At that time	In summary	Nearby
Eventually	On the whole	Inside
Finally	Therefore	Outside
Until	To put it differently	Here
When	Generally speaking	There
Meanwhile		

Parenthesis: brackets, dashes, commas

Parenthesis adds extra information to a sentence.

Example:

Dashes add emphasis or a strong interruption

Erin - brave and fearless- stood her ground in front of the monster.

Brackets are used to add extra information

We have evidence (obtained from a number of sources) that dinosaurs roamed the earth thousands of years ago.

Commas are used in a similar way to brackets

Blue whales, like human beings, are warm-blooded mammals.

If the information within brackets or parenthesis was removed the sentence would still make sense.



- Use **brackets** when you want your parenthesis to stand out clearly and it comes with its own extra punctuation, such as an exclamation mark.
- Use **dashes** when you want your writing to sound more chatty and informal.
- Use **commas**, when your writing is more formal and you haven't already used lots of commas in your sentence

End of year expectations

- I can use verb prefixes
- I can use verb suffixes
- I can write relative clauses
- I can use adverbs and modal verbs to show possibility
- I can build cohesion in a paragraph
- I can use adverbials to link paragraphs
- I can use brackets, dashes or commas for parenthesis
- I can use commas to clarify meaning

Verb prefixes

dis- de- mis- over- re- in- il- ir- im-

Verb suffixes

-ify -ate -en -ise