



Australia: The new continent: Melbourne, where Paco is travelling to, is a new city



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What is a relative clause?

a subordinate clause that modifies a noun or a whole sentence

placed immediately after the noun or sentence they modify.

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Non-defining relative clauses

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- **Not needed** to understand who or what they refer to in the main clause.
- **Between commas.**
- **Pronouns cannot be omitted.**

E.g.: Arthur Phillip, **who was a commodore**, arrived in Sidney in 1788.

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Relative pronouns and adverbs

Non-Defining relative clauses:

People → **WHO**

Things, animals, abstract nouns → **WHICH**

Possession → **WHOSE**

Places → **WHERE (adverb)**

~~THAT~~

can **never** be used

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Reduced relative clauses

- The player **training on the court** was Rafa Nadal.

⇒ The player **(who/that was) training on the court** was Rafa Nadal.

- The tournament, **known as The Australian Open**, was first called The Australasian Championships.

⇒ The tournament, **(which is) known as The Australian Open**, was first called The Australasian Championships.

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Sentential relative clauses

- **The antecedent is not a noun.**
 - **Refer to a whole sentence or the action.**
 - **Always placed between commas.**
 - **Always WHICH.**
 - **WHICH cannot be omitted.**

E.g.: Paco frequently plays tennis, **which is good for his health.**

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