

Defining and non-defining relative clauses definitions bluff game

with useful language for Cambridge First Certificate Speaking, Writing and Use of English

Choose words and expressions from the list you are given and write a mix of true and false definitions from your own knowledge or imagination (you can't use dictionaries). The false ones could be:

- True definitions with something changed
- True definitions with some false information added
- Completely made up definitions (perhaps because you don't know the expression)

*You must write at least one true definition and at least one false definition. **All definitions must have defining and/ or non-defining relative clauses**, e.g. using the structures below.*

Possible sentence structures

..., which means..., ...

..., which..., means...

..., which...,...

..., whose...,...

(a)... which/ that/ whose...

Useful words and phrases

whose opposite/ noun/ verb/ adjective is...,

whose normal meaning is..., also means...

whose definition/ meaning is...

is a noun/ verb/ phrasal verb

is an adverb/ adjective/ idiom/ expression/ abbreviation

is a regular/ irregular...

is British English/ American English/ slang

is used to describe/ is used to talk about...

is a positive/ negative/ neutral/ mixed/ common/ rare/ spoken/ written word

is a synonym of...

stands for...

(literal/ word for word) translation

(literally/ approximately) translated

can be used in/ with...

collocates (strongly) with.../ goes together with...

follows...

is followed by...

similar to – different from

comes from French/ Latin/ Greek/ German

Read out or give your definitions to another team to see if they know or can guess which are true and which are made up.

When you finish, look at both vocabulary sheets and ask your teacher about any you don't know.

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Vocabulary to define

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Group A

- 1 CV
- 2 a break
- 3 a good command of...
- 4 a lift
- 5 a position
- 6 a relief
- 7 adaptable
- 8 adore
- 9 afford
- 10 ages
- 11 appearance
- 12 astonish
- 13 atmosphere
- 14 attract
- 15 be in no hurry to...
- 16 beat
- 17 blame
- 18 bland
- 19 brought up
- 20 bump into
- 21 can't wait to
- 22 cheesy
- 23 classmate
- 24 clichéd
- 25 cloying
- 26 coincidence
- 27 commuter town
- 28 concentrate
- 29 condo
- 30 costume drama
- 31 cram
- 32 day off
- 33 day out
- 34 days off
- 35 deliberately
- 36 determined
- 37 detest
- 38 distinctive
- 39 drawback
- 40 dread



- 41 dreadful
- 42 drop me a line
- 43 dull
- 44 décor
- 45 enclosed
- 46 expertise
- 47 fancy
- 48 feedback
- 49 flawless
- 50 fond of
- 51 force
- 52 furious
- 53 get on with
- 54 get used to
- 55 glance
- 56 go out with
- 57 gripping
- 58 had better
- 59 hardly
- 60 haunting
- 61 hearty
- 62 hilarious
- 63 ideal
- 64 if so
- 65 impeccable
- 66 in touch
- 67 interrupt
- 68 intriguing
- 69 keep fit
- 70 kick yourself
- 71 lip smacking
- 72 loads
- 73 loathe
- 74 location

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Vocabulary to define

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Group B

- 75 manage
- 76 mansion
- 77 market
- 78 meet up with
- 79 misgivings
- 80 monotonous
- 81 my fault
- 82 no point
- 83 not worth
- 84 notorious
- 85 off the top of my head
- 86 on balance
- 87 other side of the coin
- 88 out of the blue
- 89 outgoing
- 90 outweigh
- 91 over the top
- 92 overrated
- 93 pick up
- 94 piping hot
- 95 plot
- 96 pointless
- 97 posh
- 98 predictable
- 99 prequel
- 100 pretentious
- 101 qualification
- 102 questionnaire
- 103 re:
- 104 really into
- 105 remake
- 106 remind
- 107 resemblance
- 108 revolting
- 109 rom-com
- 110 sci-fi
- 111 screenwriter
- 112 sequel
- 113 shortcoming
- 114 sickly

115 sitcom
116 skip
117 snail mail
118 soap opera
119 souvenir
120 spectacular
121 stands out (from the crowd)...
122 student halls
123 studio flat
124 suit
125 sum up
126 survey
127 take after
128 take up
129 tedious
130 the bee's knees
131 the other day
132 thrilled
133 timeless
134 trailer
135 trip
136 turn out
137 typical
138 underrated
139 unforgettable
140 unmatched
141 uplifting
142 vacancy
143 vast majority
144 well
145 whodunit
146 wish

Without looking above for now, try to remember or think of suitable words or phrases for each of the categories below. Some can go in more than one place.

Positive words and expressions

Negative words and expressions

Job applications

Telling stories

Talking about likes and dislikes

Describing people

Describing places you live

Phrasal verbs and other idioms

Informal expressions (such as those used in an informal email)

Vocabulary for describing movies

Vocabulary for describing food

Vocabulary for reports

Look back to check and expand your answers. Almost all of the expressions fit in at least one place above.