

23rd October 2024
OET Writing – Addition: Relative Clauses

Starter

What are the missing words in these sentences?

A

This is the medication (**which/that**) Ms Souza was prescribed – **defining relative clause – essential information**

This medication, **which** Ms Souza was prescribed, should be taken twice a day – **non-defining relative clause – extra, non-essential information**

B

Dr Kimetto is the consultant **who/that** is on duty today – **defining relative clause – essential information**

Dr Kimetto, **who** is a specialist in paediatric medicine, is the consultant on duty today – **non-defining relative clause – extra, non-essential information**

What is the difference between the two sentences in group A?

What is the difference between the two sentences in group B?

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/relative-clauses-defining-relative-clauses>

Look at these two sentences:

The surgeon explained the procedure, which involves a minimally invasive technique.

The surgeon explained the procedure, which made the patient feel more confident.

What does 'which' refer to in each sentence?

Practice:

Look at the sentences below

Which spaces could be completed with 'which' or 'that' or nothing (-)?

1. The medication **which/that/-** the patient received caused an allergic reaction.
2. The MRI scan, **which** was performed last week, showed no abnormalities.
3. Aspirin, **which** is commonly used to relieve pain, can also reduce the risk of heart attacks.
4. The doctor recommended a treatment **which/that** reduces inflammation.
5. The condition **which/that** affects the lungs is known as pneumonia.
6. The surgeon successfully completed the operation, **which** took three hours.
7. The antibiotic **which/that/-** the infection responds to should be administered immediately.
8. The patient has been prescribed insulin, **which** she will need daily.
9. The test results **which/that** were delayed arrived this morning.
10. The vaccine, **which** was recently approved by the FDA, has shown promising results in trials.

Extension:

Look at these notes for Ms Sarah Day:

06.12.17

Pt presented with mother complaining of unilateral headache – occipital, temporal extending to vertex, dizziness/loss of balance, with nausea and anxiety. Visual disturbances. Better when lying down. Symptoms not affected by red wine, alcohol, chocolate, cheese, sunlight. Not related to menstrual cycle or stress.

Pt reports workload stress, pressure of assignments & exams.

Write two or three sentences to summarise Ms Day's symptoms – can you use the word 'which' to add details to one of the sentences?

Possible examples:

On 6th December 2017, Ms Day presented with her mother and reported experiencing a unilateral headache **which** was located in the occipital and temporal region and extended to the vertex.

On 6th December 2017, Ms Day presented with her mother and reported experiencing a unilateral headache **which** was accompanied by dizziness, loss of balance and nausea as well as anxiety.

Ms Day was experiencing symptoms **which** were not affected by the usual migraine triggers.

Ms Day was experiencing increased workload stress and exam pressure, **which** may have caused the headache.