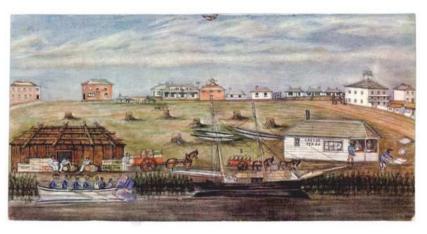




Australia: The new continent: Melbourne, where Paco is travelling to, is a new city



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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.





Non-defining relative clauses

Non-defining relative clauses:

- 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.





Relative pronouns and adverbs

Non-Defining relative clauses:

People → WHO

Things, animals, abstract nouns → WHICH

Possession → WHOSE

Places → WHERE (adverb)



Melbourne, where Paco is travelling to, is a new city





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.





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.