

# 10A GRAMMAR relative clauses

a Complete the text with *who*, *which*, *where*, or *whose*.

a place a song a number a photo a person an animal a shop an object

**We asked students to tell us about their favourite things in life:**

**This week Elena, a student from Brazil, tells us about hers.**

I have to say that my favourite place in the world is the village <sup>1</sup> where I was born. I've travelled all over the world but it's still the place <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I love the most. A song... that's an easy one! It's *Lady in Red* by Chris de Burgh, for two reasons. Firstly, it was the colour of the dress <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I was wearing the night I met my husband. Secondly, it was the song <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the DJ played as we danced. The number <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I've chosen is the number nine. My grandmother, <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ used to live with us when I was a child, always asked me to get her a lottery ticket with this number. I think that's why I like it so much. For a photo, I've chosen a black and white photo of my parents <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I've had for about 20 years. Every time I look at it, I can see two happy people in their early twenties <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lives were about to change forever. Why? Well because my mum was pregnant with me in the photo! My English teacher at school was the woman <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ inspired me to love languages. So, I've chosen her to be my favourite person. Animals? No question about it! The animals <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I like most are dogs. The shop <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I could spend all day would be one selling perfumes and cosmetics. Finally, an object <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is very special to me is my engagement ring, because it used to belong to my husband's grandmother. It's beautiful.



b In which sentences could you also use *that*?

c In which sentences could you leave out *who* or *which*?

d Combine the two sentences using a non-defining relative clause.

- Our neighbours are both teachers. They work at the same school.  
Our neighbours, who are both teachers, work at the same school.
- Pablo Picasso's best known painting is *Guernica*. He was born in Malaga in 1881.  
Pablo Picasso, \_\_\_\_\_, was born in Malaga in 1881.
- Canberra is the capital of Australia. It's smaller than Sydney and Melbourne.  
Canberra, \_\_\_\_\_, is smaller than Sydney and Melbourne.
- Our local post office has closed down. I used to work there.  
Our local post office, \_\_\_\_\_, has closed down.
- Lionel Messi is possibly the most talented footballer of his generation. He was born in Rosario in Argentina.  
Lionel Messi, \_\_\_\_\_, is possibly the most talented footballer of his generation.
- The hurricane caused millions of dollars' worth of damage. It was the worst for over 75 years.  
The hurricane, \_\_\_\_\_, caused millions of dollars' worth of damage.

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e Read a again. Write a paragraph about your favourite things in life.

## SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 10A

a)

2 which

3 which

4 which

5 which

6 who

7 which

8 whose

9 who

10 which

11 where

12 which

b)

2,3,4, 5, 7,9, 10, 12

c)

2, 3, 4,5, 10

d)

2 whose best known painting is Guernica

3 which is the capital of Australia

4 where I used to work

5 who was born in Rosario in Argentina

6 which was the worst for over 75 years