

# Varied Fluency

## Step 2: Relative Clauses – Fiction

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph [for example, then, after that, this, firstly]

English Year 5: Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time [for example, later], place [for example, nearby] and number [for example, secondly] or tense choices [for example, he had seen her before]

English Year 5: (5G3.1a) [Using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied \(ie omitted\) relative pronoun](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (5G1.5b) [relative pronoun](#)
- (5G3.1a) [relative clause](#)
- (5G1.5) [cohesion](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support using some relative clauses in fiction, using vocabulary mainly taken from Year 3 and Year 4 spelling lists in simple sentences.

**Expected** Questions to support using all relative clauses in fiction, using vocabulary mainly taken from Year 5 spelling lists in multi-clause sentences.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support using all relative clauses in fiction, using vocabulary mainly taken from Year 5 spelling lists in extended sentences.

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## Relative Clauses – Fiction

As the helicopter pulled away, Cyrus picked up his pack. He organised the men to get ready to march. The supplies, which every clan would now be searching for, had fallen near the middle of the island. His clan had to get to those supplies first.

The rest of the group collected their weapons. They got ready for the hunt. Only Flynn, whose leg was still bandaged, dropped behind. He gasped as he tried to stand. He would slow them down. He didn't want to be responsible for another clan reaching the supplies before they did.

“You hang back and protect the camp from pests,” Cyrus instructed his friend, who he worried would feel useless because of the injury. “You know it's a vital job someone has to do.” He gave Flynn a comforting smile and a wink.

Usually, the person that the hunting group left behind had an easy job, but today was different. Today, Flynn was being stalked.

1a. In the second paragraph, does the relative pronoun 'whose' refer to Cyrus or Flynn?



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2a. If a relative clause was added after the words 'They got ready for the hunt', would it start with who or which?



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3a. Identify a sentence in paragraph three that has omitted the word 'that'.



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4a. Underline a relative clause in the first paragraph.



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## Relative Clauses – Fiction

Inspector Dalton flicked through the file for the hundredth time that day. His notes, normally quite helpful, just made him more angry.

He remembered Mickey Delaney's smug grin, which the thug had worn as he walked free that morning. Delaney was guilty. Dalton could see it in his eyes. He knew Mickey was lying but where was the proof that the inspector needed to lock him up?

Dalton ran through the details of the case in his mind. The back room of the club. The face drawn on the king of clubs. Where was the final piece of the puzzle? What was he missing?

There was a knock at the door and Sergeant Hogarth entered. The sergeant, who was normally very calm, was flapping an evidence bag wildly.

1b. In the second paragraph, does the relative pronoun 'which' refer to Mickey's grin or Inspector Dalton?



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2b. If a relative clause was added after the words 'Inspector Dalton', would it start with who or which?



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3b. Identify a sentence in paragraph one that has omitted the phrase 'which were'.



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4b. Underline a relative clause in the fourth paragraph.



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## Relative Clauses – Fiction

As the helicopter pulled away, Cyrus picked up his pack and got ready to march. The supplies, which every clan would now be desperately searching for, had fallen near the centre of the island. His clan had to get to those supplies first.

The rest of the group gathered their weapons and readied themselves for the hunt. Only Flynn, whose leg was still heavily strapped, lagged behind. He winced as he tried to stand. He would slow them down. He didn't want to be responsible for another clan acquiring the supplies before they did.

“You hang back and protect the camp from any pests that come nosing around,” Cyrus instructed his friend, who he worried would feel useless because of the injury. “You know it’s a vital job that someone has to do.” He gave Flynn a reassuring smile and a wink as he headed out.

Under normal circumstances, the person the hunting group left behind had a trouble-free day in the sun, but today was different. Today, Flynn was being stalked.

5a. In the first paragraph, does the relative pronoun ‘which’ refer to Cyrus, the supplies, or the helicopter?



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6a. If a relative clause was added after the words ‘The rest of the group’, would it start with who, where or which?



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7a. Identify a sentence in paragraph four that has an omitted relative pronoun.



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8a. Find and copy two relative clauses from the text.



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## Relative Clauses – Fiction

Inspector Dalton flicked through the file for the hundredth time that day. His notes, which were normally quite helpful, just made him more annoyed.

He remembered Mickey Delaney's smug, leering grin, which the criminal had worn as he walked free that morning. Delaney had to be guilty. Dalton could see it in his eyes. He knew Mickey was lying but where was the proof that the inspector needed to lock him up?

Dalton, who was growing increasingly frustrated, ran through the details of the case in his mind. The back room of the club. The mocking face drawn on the king of clubs. Where was the final piece of the puzzle? What was he missing?

There was a loud knock at the door and Sergeant Hogarth burst in. The sergeant, normally very calm, was flapping an evidence bag wildly. The bag, which was small and transparent, appeared to contain the key to a safety deposit box.

5b. In the second paragraph, does the relative pronoun 'which' refer to Delaney, his grin or the inspector?



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6b. If a relative clause was added after the words 'The back room of the club', would it start with who, where or whom?



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7b. Identify a sentence in paragraph four that has an omitted relative pronoun.



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8b. Find and copy two relative clauses from the text.



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## Relative Clauses – Fiction

As the chinook lifted off in a whirlwind of noise and debris, Cyrus picked up his pack and prepared his men to march. The supplies of food and water, which every clan would now be desperately searching for, had fallen near the interior of this remote and hostile island. His clan needed to reach those supplies first. It was essential for their survival.

The rest of the group assembled their weapons and readied themselves for the hunt. Only Flynn, whose badly injured leg was still heavily strapped, dawdled behind. He grimaced as he attempted to stand. He would slow them down. He couldn't be responsible for a rival clan procuring the supplies before they did. His head, which could usually be relied upon for calm and measured thinking, was overriding his desire to accompany the team on this mission.

“You hang back and protect the camp from any pests that come scouting around,” Cyrus instructed his friend, who understood that he felt useless because of the injury. “You know it's a crucial job that someone has to do.” He gave Flynn a reassuring smile and a wink as he headed out to retrieve the supplies.

Under normal circumstances, the person who the hunting group left behind had a trouble-free day in the sun, but today was different. Today, Flynn was being stalked. Today, Flynn would have to dig deep to find a hidden strength he didn't know he had.

9a. In the second paragraph, what does the relative pronoun 'which' refer to?



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10a. If a relative clause was added after the words 'He gave Flynn', which relative pronoun would it start with?



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11a. Identify a sentence that has an omitted relative pronoun.



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12a. Find and copy two relative clauses from the text, including one which is an embedded clause.



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## Relative Clauses – Fiction

Inspector Dalton flicked through his large, grey evidence file for the hundredth time that day. His notes, which were normally quite comprehensive and meticulous, just made him more exasperated.

He kept recalling Mickey Delaney's conceited, leering grin, which the criminal had worn as he walked free that morning. Delaney had to be guilty. Dalton could see it in his eyes. He knew Mickey was lying but where was the proof the inspector needed to lock him up?

Dalton, who was becoming increasingly frustrated, ran through the details of the case in his mind. The back room of the club. The mocking face drawn on the king of clubs. Where was the final piece of the puzzle? What was he missing? Was this thug, who had destroyed countless lives, really going to get away with it? Dalton had to do everything in his power to prevent that from happening,

There was a loud knock at the door and an incredibly flustered Sergeant Hogarth burst in. The sergeant, who was normally very calm, was flapping an evidence bag wildly. The bag, which was small and transparent, appeared to contain the key to a safety deposit box from the local bank.

9b. In the final paragraph, what does the relative pronoun 'which' refer to?



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10b. If a relative clause was added after the words 'The mocking face', which relative pronoun would it start with?



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11b. Identify a sentence that has an omitted relative pronoun.



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12b. Find and copy two relative clauses from the text, including one which is an embedded clause.



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### Developing

- 1a. Flynn
- 2a. which
- 3a. You know it's a vital job that someone has to do.
- 4a. ...which every clan would now be searching for...

### Expected

- 5a. supplies
- 6a. who
- 7a. Usually, the person that the hunting group left behind had a trouble-free day in the sun, but today was different.
- 8a. Various answers, for example: which every clan would now be desperately searching for; whose leg was still heavily strapped; who he worried would feel useless because of the injury.

### Greater Depth

- 9a. his head
- 10a. who
- 11a. Today, Flynn would have to dig deep to find a hidden strength that he didn't know he had.
- 12a. Various answers for example: which every clan would now be desperately searching for; whose badly injured leg was still heavily strapped; which could usually be relied upon for calm and measured thinking (an embedded clause).

## Varied Fluency Relative Clauses – Fiction

### Developing

- 1b. Mickey's grin
- 2b. who
- 3b. His notes, which were normally quite helpful, just made him more angry.
- 4b. ...who was normally very calm...

### Expected

- 5b. his grin
- 6b. where
- 7b. The sergeant, who was normally very calm, was flapping an evidence bag wildly.
- 8b. Various answers, for example: which were normally quite helpful; which the criminal had worn as he walked free that morning; who was getting increasingly frustrated.

### Greater Depth

- 9b. the bag
- 10b. which
- 11b. He knew Mickey was lying, but where was the proof that the inspector needed to lock him up?
- 12b. Various answers, for example: which were normally quite comprehensive and meticulous; which the criminal had worn as he walked free that morning; who was becoming increasingly frustrated (an embedded clause).