

Grammar

1 defining relative clauses

Complete the sentences with a suitable relative pronoun (*who, which, when, where, whose*)

The documentary _____ I watched last night was really interesting.
The documentary which I watched last night was really interesting.

- 1 London is the city _____ I grew up.
- 2 2008 was _____ the Olympic Games were held in Beijing.
- 3 That's John _____ brother works in television.
- 4 The woman _____ you were talking to at the party is a well-known journalist.
- 5 I don't read tabloid newspapers _____ are full of gossip.

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2 The passive

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

allow	ask	build	pay	sell	show
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_____ television presenters _____ high salaries in your country?

Are television presenters paid high salaries in your country?

- 1 I can't believe how many football matches _____ on television last weekend.
- 2 I _____ to make a speech at Jana's wedding but I don't really want to.
- 3 A new cinema _____ in the town centre. It should be open by the end of the year.
- 4 How many copies of Rose Tremain's new novel _____ so far this year?
- 5 Dan's children _____ to watch television during the week ... only at weekends.

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3 Past Simple and Past Continuous

Choose the correct answer in *italics*.

We *watched* / *were watching* television when the lights went out.

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1 I *worked* / *was working* as a journalist for 15 years.

2 I *didn't understand* / *wasn't understanding* the film even after Tom explained it to me.

3 We *read* / *were reading* the Sunday papers when Julia called.

4 Marina *watched* / *was watching* five DVDs on Saturday.

5 Susan *talked* / *was talking* to her colleague when her boss came into the office.

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Vocabulary

4 film and TV

Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

My grandparents can remember when there were only three **c** _____ on television.

My grandparents can remember when there were only three **channels** on television.

1 *Big Brother* was one of the first **r** _____ shows, wasn't it?

2 The last episode of *Friends* attracted a record number of **v** _____.

3 I enjoy watching **a** _____ films with my children as they love the crazy characters.

4 The BBC have produced some excellent **p** _____ dramas over the years; *Nicholas Nickleby*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Cranford* to name but a few.

5 Our neighbours have just bought a TV with an enormous **s** _____. They'll have to sit in the garden to watch it!

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5 describing films and TV

Choose the correct answer in *italics*.

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- 1 The film was so *moving* / *nauseating* it made me cry.
- 2 The *Bourne Trilogy* thrillers were incredibly *inspiring* / *exciting*. I was on the edge of my seat most of the time.
- 3 I don't know what all the fuss was about. I thought the film was *inspiring* / *unwatchable*.
- 4 The whole story was *unrealistic* / *gripping*. I just couldn't take it seriously.
- 5 The film was *rubbish* / *inspiring* in my opinion so I'm buying the DVD for all my friends.

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6 news collocations

Choose the correct answer (a, b or c).

Manchester United easily ____ their first match of the season.

- a performed b caused c won

1 Scientists have recently ____ an extraordinary discovery about the origins of the universe.

- a made b done c found

2 So many celebrities today ____ plastic surgery because they want to remain young.

- a do b make c have

3 I wonder whether permed hair will ever ____ fashion again.

- a go on b come into c be on

4 Ice on the roads ____ a few accidents last night but luckily no-one was hurt.

- a caused b made c allowed

5 It's important to ____ new products if you want your business to succeed.

- a commit b develop c perform

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Pronunciation

7 sounds: / n / and / ŋ /

Listen and underline the sound you hear.

	/ n /	/ ŋ /
	<u>ran</u>	rang
1	thin	thing
2	sin	sing
3	fan	fang
4	hunt	hung
5	ban	bang

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8 word stress in word endings

Listen and underline the stressed syllable in each word.

refuge

- 1 employee
- 2 divorce
- 3 career
- 4 Japanese
- 5 cigar

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How to ...

9 describe an object

Complete the sentences.

An iPod is a kind of music player.

- 1 Is an iPod similar ____ an iPad?
- 2 An iPad looks ____ a very large iPhone, doesn't it?
- 3 I use my laptop ____ watching DVDs.
- 4 I know that my laptop is often used ____ my children.
- 5 My mp3 player is made ____ green plastic.

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Reading**10 Read these film reviews and choose the correct answers.***Avatar (2009)*

One of the most successful films of all time, *Avatar* (directed by James Cameron) tells the story of a reluctant hero who sets off on an epic adventure to save the alien world he has learned to call home. Now available in 3-D and 2-D this visually spectacular film is a must-see for all the family with important messages for both young and old.

The Proposal (2009)

An ambitious and obnoxious boss (played by Sandra Bullock) hears that she will have to return to Canada as her visa has run out. To avoid deportation, she forces her young assistant (Ryan Reynolds) to marry her so that she can stay in the United States legally. After many crazy adventures to prove to his family that they do actually love one another, they finally really fall in love. This is a good old-fashioned feel-good comedy which is the perfect vehicle for both stars.

A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)

As a fan of horror films, I was looking forward to this remake of the Wes Craven cult classic which first appeared on our screens almost twenty years ago. Terrifying when it first came out, this remake, however, doesn't compare in any way. The special effects are laughable and the acting is wooden. I'd recommend watching the original any day and I certainly hope they don't bother to remake the others.

The Young Victoria (2009)

Nominated for three Academy Awards and winner of Best Costume Design, this is a perfectly crafted period drama. The film stars Emily Blunt as the young Queen Victoria and Rupert Friend as her husband Albert. It tells the story of the first few years of her reign with all the dramas and emotions that a young woman in her position would have to face. The acting by both young stars is excellent and totally believable.

The Notebook (2004)

If you enjoy sickly sweet romantic films that unashamedly tug on the heart strings to make you cry, then this is most definitely the film for you. From the moment the film begins you know where it is taking you. Boy meets girl. Boy is poor and girl is rich. Girl's parents don't approve. Fast forward to years later ... Have your box of tissues to hand!

The Bourne Ultimatum (2007)

This is the third in the Bourne series starring the excellent Matt Damon. Filmed on location in Tangier, London, Paris, Madrid, Berlin and New York City, the story is fast-paced but to my mind rather confusing. My concentration was disturbed by the hand-held camera effect which meant that the film was constantly 'shaking'. I appreciate that this was supposed to heighten the tension but I found it almost impossible to focus in places.

Avatar

a nauseating b inspiring c unrealistic

1 *The Proposal*

a entertaining b nonsense c moving

2 *A Nightmare on Elm Street*

a gripping b annoying c rubbish

3 *The Young Victoria*

a annoying b nonsense c moving

4 *The Notebook*

a nonsense b nauseating c gripping

5 *The Bourne Ultimatum*

a unwatchable b unrealistic c exciting

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Answers:

1 a 2 c 3 c 4 b 5 a