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Grammar

Unit7 – Lesson1

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LOOK AT THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

In the bustling city, there is a park **full of people playing sports**. Families, **enjoying picnics and laughter**, add to the vibrant atmosphere. The children, **running around with joy**, create a sense of excitement.

Complete the rules:

Relative clauses with be + verb + _____ can be shortened by deleting who or that and the verb ____.

Present the sentences and ask for the Ss' opinions to answer the questions.

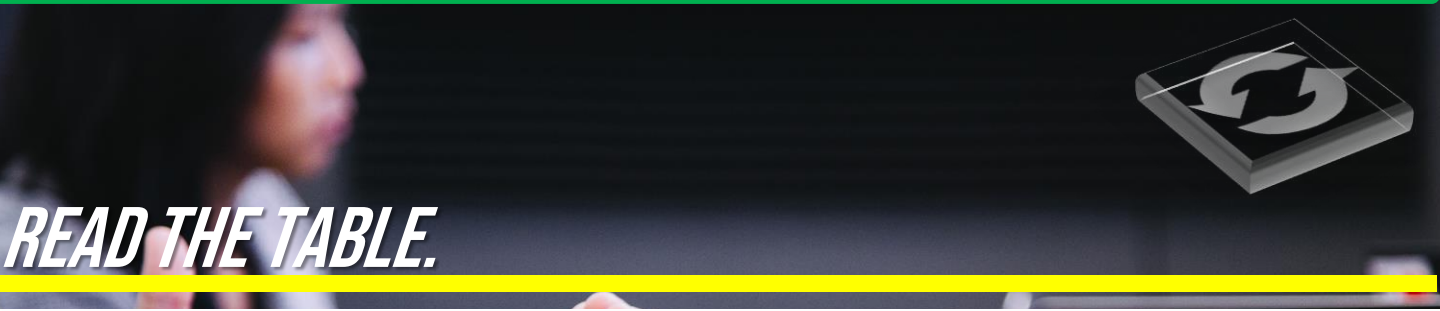
RULES:

Relative clauses with be + verb + -ing involves a clause where the verb "be" is combined with another verb in its -ing form. For example, "*The person who is singing*" has a relative clause with "*is singing*," where "*is*" is the form of the verb "be" and "singing" is the -ing form of another verb.

This structure can be made shorter.

By deleting who or that and the verb be: To achieve the shorter form, you can omit the relative pronoun. Using the example above, "*The person who is singing*" can be shortened to "*The person singing*" by removing "who is."

Have your Ss read the sentences aloud. Recap any tips if necessary.



READ THE TABLE.

Relative clauses with *be* + verb + *-ing* can be shortened by deleting *who* or *that* and the verb *be*.

Full	I see a guy	**who is** tying his shoe	over there.
Reduced		tying his shoe	
Full	Do you know the woman	**that is** talking to Maria?	
Reduced		talking to Maria?	
Full	The people	**who are** standing in the back	look bored.
Reduced		standing in the back	
Full	He bumped into a woman	**who was** holding a glass.	
Reduced		holding a glass.	

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A Read the conversation from a party. Cross out the correct words to create reduced defining relative clauses.

Jenna: Where is the young man ~~who was~~ carrying that plate of appetizers[1]? I'm ready for another one.

Dan: I am, too. Those were delicious appetizers. Who made them?

Jenna: I think the boss's wife did. She's the woman that is standing next to the piano[2].

Dan: Do you mean the one who is wearing the green sweater[3]?

Jenna: No. She's on the other side. She's the one who is wearing the floral skirt[4].

Dan: Oh, I see her now. And who are the guys that are talking with her[5]?

Jenna: Those are her sons. They were serving, but it looks like they've finished now.

Dan: The appetizers are probably gone then. I think that group of people who are sitting near the kitchen door[6] ate most of them, especially the tall guy who's wearing the tight jacket[7].

Jenna: Do you mean the handsome one that's looking this way[8]? That's my husband!

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Oral Practice



Practice different forms of grammar by providing the context to Ss and having them produce sentences individually.

Ask your students to do the task in a couple of minutes.



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1. That woman collecting tickets from the passengers is the conductor.
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3. The man and woman _____ are probably tourists.
4. The children _____ are bothering the other riders.
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Create breakout rooms to have the Ss share their ideas. Give FEEDBACK right after.

IN PAIRS!

Share what you have written and add more details.



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Ask your students to do the task in as homework. Provide them with the answers the following session.

HOMEWORK

B Read the statements made by a shopping center security guard. Rewrite each set as a single statement. Make the second sentence a reduced defining relative clause.



1. I'm going to talk to the woman. She's dropping clothes on the floor.
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2. I don't recognize those boys. They are trying on baseball caps.
   _____
3. I've never seen that guy. He is waiting for the elevator.
   _____
4. That woman is another security guard. She is waving at me.
   _____
5. I see two regular customers. They are talking to the manager.
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6. I just heard a store alarm. It was going off for some reason.
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