RELATIVE CLAUSES: EXERCISES

1. Complete these sentences with the correct relative pronoun.
**1**. **Brigitte Bardot is a French actress who/that has protested against the**
**slaughter of seals.
2. The fox is an animal .……………….. can be seen in many British cities.
3. Kate is the girl .……………….. father bought a baby crocodile.
4. The office .……………….. I work is a branch of the RSPCA.
5. Charlie is the hamster .……………….. is fatter than all the rest.
6. Mr. Forrester is the butcher .……………….. had his shop window smashed by ALF**
**members.

2. Circle the relative pronouns you could omit in these sentences.**  **1. The girl that we were talking to loves snakes.
2. Is that the woman who threw acid at the horses?
3. The book which I bought yesterday is about training dogs.
4. My friend Simon is the boy whose mother is a professor of zoology.
5. Do you know the people who made so much noise at the party last night?
6. Have you seen the bag where I keep my football kit?

3. Join each pair of sentences with a defining relative clause. Omit the pronoun where possible.
1. Last week I bought a book. It’s a best-seller.
Last week I bought a book which/ that is a best–seller.
2. This is the book. I found the information in it.**
**4. I didn’t recognise Susan. I talked to her.
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5. She hasn’t given me back my book. She borrowed it from me last week.
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6. Have you seen the biscuits? They were on the top shelf.
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7. A woman gave me the application form. She told me how to fill it out.
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**8. The novel is about a child. Her parents die in the jungle.
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9. Charles Chaplin was a famous comedian. He directed well-known films.
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10 You are going to meet a girl tomorrow. She is intelligent and pretty, too.
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11 I bought a new CD. Its songs are by different country music singers.
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4. Join each pair of sentences with a non-defining relative clause.

1. Fur coats are very popular among wealthy women. They produce indignation among animal lovers.**

**Fur coats, which are very popular among wealthy women, produce indignation among animal lovers.

2. My English friends live in Leeds. They work for the RSPCA.
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3. Harry is very fond of pets. He’s got a dog, a cat, two hamsters and three budgies.
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**4. My brother studied zoology. He works in a natural history museum.
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5. The Tower of London is on the River Thames. It is one of the most famous buildings in Britain.
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**6. Fiesta was written by Ernest Hemingway. It is also called The Sun Also Rises.
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7. The new tunnel will be opened next month. It is the safest in Europe.
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8. Michael is still asleep. He stayed up until 4 a.m. watching athletics.
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9. Tina gave a big party in her house. Her parents were away on business.
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10. Doris Lessing was born in Persia. She wrote The Golden Notebook.
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 **11. Sara speaks good English. She has never visited England or America.
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