

Writing Describing a place – relative pronouns and participles

- 1 Work with a partner. Imagine you are going to list your house/apartment on *Airbnb*. Give each other details about:
 - location
 - number of rooms
 - house rules
 - transport
 - furniture and facilities
 Ask questions if you want more information.
- 2 Read an *Airbnb* listing for a house in Cambridge. How many people could stay there? Would you like to stay there? Why/Why not?
- 3 Complete the listing using the relative clauses below.
 - a which is Internet connected
 - b that can seat six people comfortably
 - c where you can buy most things you need
 - d who will help with any problems
 - e whose children often play outside
 - f which has fast trains to London
 - g that has smart, modern furnishings
 - h where you can sit and enjoy the sun
 - i you can use for real log fires

GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 Underline the relative pronouns in 3. What do they refer to? When do we use *which, that, who, where, and whose*?
- 2 Look at these sentences. We can leave out the relative pronoun from one sentence in each pair. Which one? Why?
 - This is the room **which** I like best.
 - This is the room **which** has the best view.
 - They're neighbours **who** we don't often see.
 - They're neighbours **who** are happy to help.

➔ Grammar reference 9.7–8 p151

- 4 Link these sentences with *which/that, who, where, whose*, or no relative pronoun.
 - 1 There's the corner shop. You can buy groceries and newspapers there.
 - 2 This is the bedroom. It's used as a study.
 - 3 That woman is my neighbour. She's talking to the postman.
 - 4 There are two bicycles. You can use them to cycle into town.
 - 5 Were you talking to the girl? Her parents live at number 52.
- 5 Use your notes from 1 to write an *Airbnb* listing for your house/apartment. Include:
 - a title
 - a short summary of the space
 - more details about the space and neighbourhood



Smart and cosy Cambridge house

Smart, modern, but cosy 3-bedroom house in a friendly neighbourhood on the outskirts of Cambridge, with easy access to city centre, and rail station to London.

→ The space

The space is a well-kept 3-bedroom house ¹_____ and a nice cosy lived-in feel. The living room has a large, comfortable sofa and armchair, and a nice oak coffee table with bookshelves above it (feel free to read anything you like, and enjoy our CD collection!). There's a TV ²_____ for streaming films and catch-up TV (the Wi-fi is fast and reliable). Best of all, for winter visits, there's an open fireplace ³_____.

The living room runs through into a dining room ⁴_____. Both rooms have beautiful wooden floors with rugs. The kitchen is rather small, but has nice modern fittings. At the end of the dining room, the French windows open into a small conservatory, ⁵_____. There are two bedrooms, one with a double bed, and the other with twin beds. The third bedroom is used as a study.

→ Neighbourhood

The house is in a quiet, friendly neighbourhood. Our immediate neighbours on the left are a retired elderly couple ⁶_____ if we can't be contacted. In the house on the right, there's a nice young couple ⁷_____, so if you have children they could make some new friends!

There's a corner shop about five minutes' walk away, ⁸_____. The nearest supermarket is within walking distance, about 15 minutes, and it's only a short bus ride to Cambridge city centre, and the rail station, ⁹_____.

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