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Введение

Изучение иностранного языка является неотъемлемой частью подготовки специалистов в области мировой экономики. Данная методическая разработка была составлена по дисциплине «Деловой иностранный язык» для студентов направления подготовки 38.03.01 Экономика (направленность (профиль) «Мировая экономика» в соответствии с задачами дисциплины: сформировать общелингвистические представления о современном английском языке; привить навыки разговорной и письменной речи, умение читать и переводить с английского языка на русский язык (без словаря и со словарем) тексты профессиональной направленности; ознакомить с основами межкультурной коммуникации; научить работать с литературой по специальности на иностранном языке.

Для достижения поставленных задач дисциплины были разработаны тексты с заданиями по основным темам курса, включающие в себя лексические единицы и грамматические структуры, которыми должны владеть студенты в рамках данного курса. Следует отметить, что данные тексты составлены в соответствии с изучаемой специальностью и интересами студентов, с использованием информации современной экономико-политической картины мира.

Благодаря чтению и переводу данных текстов, освоению используемой в них лексики, а также используемых грамматических конструкций студенты должны овладеть такими навыками и умениями, как: продуктивное активное и пассивное освоение лексики английского языка, овладение грамматическим строем английского языка, подготовленное устное монологическое высказывание на английском языке в пределах изучаемых тем; письменная речь на английском языке.

ACTIVITY 1

Treasure Island part one - 6 uses of 'time'

Words, words, words...

You know how it feels when you think you know all about an English word - and then you discover that it has a whole load of meanings that you didn't know about? And that people use it in phrases that completely change its meaning? Well don't worry - we're here to help!

X Uses of... is a brand new series that brings you multiple uses of familiar words through the medium of stories new and old, classic and modern. So sit back, relax and improve your English with the first story in the series.

To do

Our first story brings you nine uses of the word **time**. It's in two parts. As you watch the story, listen out for six of them - and decide whether this summary of the story is correct or wrong:

- Jim finds a treasure map, which he sells to pirates, who promise to pay him - once they've found the treasure.

Mariam

Hello, my name's Mariam and I've got an exciting story about pirates, treasure and murder, set on a tropical island far out at sea.

The story begins **a long time** ago, in London, where a skinny-looking young boy called Jim Hawkins lives. He finds a dusty old sea chest hidden in the cellar of his house. Using all his strength, he manages to lift open the heavy lid. He peers inside and finds a rolled-up piece of tattered old paper. **In no time** he's unrolling the piece of paper, revealing a map showing an island with a cross on it. "Surely this must mean there's treasure buried there?" he says to himself.

Knowing that it will only be **a matter of time** before someone else finds the treasure, he rushes off to find a ship that will take him across the sea to this distant island. The journey is long and **at times** the sea is rough and stormy. **As time goes by**, Jim realises the crew are not the honest and helpful bunch of men he believed them to be – they're pirates! As they can't be trusted, he doesn't tell them about the treasure map – but the crew are suspicious.

At one time or another, an old pirate captain had hidden a horde of treasure on a secret island, and the pirates know this is where Jim is heading. One night he overhears them hatching a plan...

"This must be the island where Captain Flint left all that gold and silver" says one of them.

"We'll let Jim lead us to the treasure and then kill him" says another.

We'll leave the story there for now. Join me again soon to find out what happens when Jim reaches the island. Bye for now.

To do

How was that? The summary was wrong - Jim didn't sell the map to anyone! He set off to find the treasure himself.

Now, have a go at our quiz to check you know the first six uses of time.

Question 1 of 5

As soon as Jim finds the piece of paper, he unrolls it.

A True

B False

Question 2 of 5

Jim doesn't believe anyone else will find the treasure.

A True

B False

Question 3 of 5

The sea is rough and stormy throughout Jim's trip.

A True

B False

Question 4 of 5

Jim slowly realises that the crew of the ship are pirates.

A True

B False

Question 5 of 5

Everyone knows when the treasure was buried on the island.

A True

B False

ACTIVITY 2

Has time run out for Jim?

A gunshot rings out...

How do you think the story will end?

- A) Jim kills all the pirates and escapes with the treasure
- B) There isn't any treasure, so Jim decides to become a pirate

- C) The pirates find the treasure and leave Jim alone on the island
- D) Something else

To do

Read and find out which option is correct. And listen out for three more uses of **time**.

Mariam

Hello again, it's Mariam here. It's time to continue our exciting story about treasure, murder and pirates on a tropical island far out at sea. Jim Hawkins is sailing to an island to find some treasure. Let's see what happens next.

Eventually they reach the island. Jim tells the crew to wait where they are while he goes to explore. Nervously, he sets off to find the treasure. **Time after time** he stops to look behind him to check that he's not being followed - but secretly the pirates are following in his footsteps, hoping to carry out their deadly plan. **In no time**, he finds the place and furiously starts digging but before he can find the treasure, the pirates arrive. One of them seizes hold of him, pointing a gun to his head, whilst the others eagerly continue to dig, a crazed look in their eyes. It's **time-consuming**, but after a while they begin to realise there isn't any treasure.

BANG! At that moment, a gunshot rings out – BANG and another – BANG and another! Somebody is shooting at the pirates, killing them outright. Three pirates lie on the yellow sand, blood oozing out of their bodies. The fourth one, who is holding Jim, runs off, screaming in a panic.

An old man, with skin that looks like leather, and a long white scruffy beard, appears from the bushes holding a smoking gun. It was him that shot the pirates. He tells Jim he used to work with the old pirate captain and was left on this island a long time ago. He had dug up the treasure and is keeping it in the cave where he lives. He tells Jim that he will share the treasure with him in return for a journey

home. Jim is more than happy to agree and they set sail for London. **At times**, Jim has nightmares about his experience and vows never to go treasure hunting again.

That was my story. I hope you enjoyed it and I hope to see you soon.

To do

So, the correct answer was D) Something else! The old man killed most of the pirates - and shared the treasure with Jim.

Now lets practise the different uses of **time**. Have a go at this quiz.

Over to you

We asked you to tell us a story, using as many of the phrases with **time** as possible:

- **a long time**
- **in no time**
- **only a matter of time**
- **at times**
- **as time goes by**
- **at one time or another**
- **time after time**
- **in no time**
- **time-consuming**

Your Stories

Moustafa

A long time ago , I finished my vacation and take a bus to go to the city where my fight will take off . **As time goes by** , [BBC Learning English says: you need a past tense here: as time **went** by] I was asking myself is it easy to find some taxi from the city to airport? I asked a young gun was sitting next to me and he was in my

age . "I will go to airport too, May I share the taxi with you?" , he said . **In no time** , I said "sure , I agree". When we reached to bus station we found taxi **in no time**. Next, he told " I will arrive to the local flights terminal then the taxi will pick you up to the international terminal. I supposed that he knows the airport very well . After he left , I asked the taxi driver about the correct terminal of my flight . The taxi driver reached to some terminal and let me leave . **Only a matter of time** after I entered to the terminal I realized that they were wrong . The truth is , this airport has two terminals . One of them is for the national airlines and the other is for the foreign airlines . Indeed, my flight is international flight with domestic airlines ! I had have to go out the the first terminal where the guy went out. It was **time consuming** but fortunately I reached to my flight **in time** .

Nguyen

A long time ago when I was in grade eleven, I was granted a full scholarship for studying abroad in Korea. Because it was a good chance and it was also my dream, so I decided to get it **in no time**. **As time goes by**, [BBC Learning English says: you need a past tense here: as time **went** by] I had a recollection of this event. I had a thought that **it was only a matter of time** for I would being paid for my hard – working days to master Korean. At times, I believes in luck, besides my efforts. **At current time**, I am totally confident in my ability and my scholarship is completely deserved. As now I experience lots of things my adopted country and achieve accomplishments that pleases myself and my family in a great way.

Eman Mohamed

A long time ago i had a dream to learn English. I started using some learning sites but it turns out to be **time-consuming** without benefit, then i found BBC learning English site and **as time goes by** i levelled up. at the beginning, I studied **at**

times because i was busy doing something else. **Time after time** my learning hours increased and my English improved **in no time**.

María José Berrocal Ríos

Since a long time ago I have been looking forward to travelling. I really like it, but once a year and only for three weeks wasn't too much. Fortunately (in regard to this subject!) I've retired a few years ago, and that allows me to make my dreams come true.

I decided to buy a caravan and travel throughout Europe. This kind of journeys are **time-consuming**, but on the other hand, they are interesting enough to make worth the effort. **Every time** me and my husband set off in our caravan we spend two or three months away from home. I must say that **at times** we have to take a break, the journeys being so demanding, but we don't mind.

At one time or another we have visited Italy, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Holland, France and Great Britain and we are so thrilled that we feel encouraged to dust off our french and even to learn german which I can assure you, is a great deal of effort.

As time goes by, the need to go further becomes more and more compelling. So, **it's only a matter of time** to [BBC Learning English says: replace 'to' with 'until we'] go across the sea and visit The USA, Canada, Japan, South America... Well, not only **a matter of time**, money is also involved, but we'll do our best.

The way I feel now, I suppose **in no time** we'll be on the road (or on a plane) again.

Eduardo, Mexico

In no time Fernando decided to take a break in his life and think about all that was not working. **A long time ago**, he figured out that something was wrong because he was always angry and irritable. **Time after time**, he screamed and cursed everything he found if something stupid was not in the way he was thinking. **As time goes by**, people around him started to avoid Fernando because of his anger explosions. However, Fernando has always had a big and noble heart. Suddenly, **at times**, he started to feel alone and sad. **It was just a matter of time** before Fernando wanted to make a change. He knew that making introspection is time-consuming, but, he wanted to solve his deepest problems to work with them and change this attitude to life. Fernando went to some quiet place for some days to listen to nature and to listen to himself. In this way, **at one time or another**, he would solve his problems with himself and in consequence with all around him.

BBC Learning English says:

Thanks for your story Eduardo! You need to use the past tense in **As time goes by** - the correct version here is **As time went by**.

Kristina, Serbia

As time goes by, world around us changes. **At times**, it seems like everything is perfect, but there are moments when you'd rather give up everything and move away to a deserted island. When you feel disappointed **time after time** and it seems that your life is falling apart, the only thing you want to do is to run away **in no time** and never look back.

A long time ago, people realised that the best way to overcome sadness and disappointment is to surround yourself with those who you love, to tell them what's bothering you and let them help you. Do not think about things or people that made you upset **at one time or another**. Physical activity may be helpful too, although it can be **time-consuming**. Try to do this, and **it is only a matter of time** before you'll see bright side of life again.

Anna, Russia

A long time ago when I was a little girl I heard a tragic story about an abandoned city named Pripyat. The story thrilled me, and I decided that one day I will visit that city. Time went by, I graduated from school and started to learn at the university, but the dream to visit Pripyat was still there with me. **At times** I searched the information about the tours to the abandoned city, but kept on postponing the trip itself.

I graduated from university, found my first full-time job, and started to save money for my journey. I thought **it was only a matter of time** for my dream to come true. But no one of my friends wanted to come with me. **Time after time** I kept on asking them, but the answer was “No”.

At one time or another I found out that many buildings in Pripyat had begun to collapse. And then I decided that I will not ask anyone else to accompany me. I will go on my own instead. **In no time** I booked a trip, bought my tickets and started off to the city of my dreams. The journey on a train from Moscow to Kyiv was **time-consuming**, but at long last I arrived. The next morning I with dozens of other people boarded a bus that took us to the most exciting tour in our lives.

Natalia, Russia

"I began to study English **a long time ago**. From 2nd class we had English lessons at school and **at times** I had extra studies at home. **As time went by** and after graduation from school and successful admission to the Institute my parents made me a gift – a trip to England for in-depth study of language. By that moment I had not bad vocabulary and strong grammar knowledge, but spoken English was **time-consuming**. **In no time** the study in English school helped me with spoken problem. It was because of **spending a long time** with native speakers.

As time went by after graduation I worked in different companies and **time after time** my English knowledge was not required. In no time my vocabulary, which I had during my study, was forgotten. And I had language practice only in my trips abroad.

Now unfortunately it will be **time-consuming** to restore my previous level of English. And I hope with lessons BBC Learning English **it's only a matter of time.**"

Fatimah, Saudi Arabia

A long time ago when I was young, my favourite outdoor activity was going to the zoo to watch the spectacular animals. As a child I did not know much about animals. However, **time after time** my parents would take me to the zoo, and it was **only a matter of time** that I gained a lot of knowledge about animals. My love to the zoo has lead me to volunteer in some zoo activities where I could teach other children wonderful facts about animals. **As times went by** I became very passionate in enhancing the public awareness about how they could participate in conserving some animals that were threatened to go extinct **at one time or another**. **At times**, I think although this work is **time-consuming**, I believe in my heart that it is going to be worth it.

Ronald, Colombia

A long time ago, when I was a kid, I had to spend my vacations at my grandmother's house. Sometimes, I heard some voices and footsteps in the hallway. **At one time or another** this was really scared.

Maby Esperanza from Peru

I started to study english **a long time ago** at school. I remember I learned english only for fun. But **as time went by**, my vocabulary was increasing and I didn't notice of this. I started to study at university and **at one time or another** I must learn english. **Time after time** I was searching for a page in which I can learn. Thanks God, I found BBC englishlearning programme. It helps me a lot!

Alexandra from France

A long time ago, I thought that I am very good in English because I got high scores in my exams **time after time**. But when I went to the CPGE school ("Classes préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles"), the highscores in English exams disappeared. My English teacher said that competitions date arrived in no time and I had to improve my English. But how ? I learn my "lessons" and my list of vocabulary words every week and **at times**, I read English newspaper. But **as time went by** and I knew that it was too late. So the next year, I decided to learn time after time my English even though I knew that it's **time-consuming** learning a language. **At one time or another**, I found the website "BBC Learning English" I didn't like English lessons and I was very shy during the English class but now, with this website, I know and I hope it's only a matter of time to succeed in passing my exams and become really good in English.

Thanh Tan

MY CHILDHOOD SWEET MEMORIES

A long time ago, I came back my maternal homeland during my summer months, and used to be sitting on the back of a lovely buffalo every morning. The buffalo and I – we went through a strong brook **in no time**. And **it was only a matter of time** when we reached the mountain side with long and lush stretches of grass land. Then I was a king of the area, sitting on the buffalo's back among several

smaller others. It was usually a clear blue sky but at times a cloudy one. **As time gently goes by**, I grew more attached to the countryside where I could lie on the buffalo's back and play / flute my favorite songs by the flute presented to me on my 6th birthday party by my Mom. And **at one time or another**, I climbed up a tree to seek for a bird nest that is often precariously perched in the tree's small branches. I always found nothing but a nest at times. I then put in some green fruits and dead grasshoppers or locusts. **At the time**, I thought these would supply them with further food for the up-coming winter. **As time goes by** I know it is such the stupid idea at the age of 7 of a rural boy. **Time after time**, I kept riding the buffalo, fluting my favorite songs and lying on the buffalo's back to see nice kites flying up in the clear sky. **In no time**, I did know that nature-loving and leading a simple life close to the nature is not a **time-consuming** process, but the dream-uplifting process in the middle of the nature's vastness or immenseness / immensity. That is my childhood sweet memories, still being firmly kept in my mind as **time keeps going by** my life.

BBC Learning English says:
Thanks for your lovely story Thanh Tan! The correct verb to use with **flute** is **play**.
Keep studying and your English will get better and better **as time goes by** :-)

Francisco Guerra

Who was that woman?

Not **a long time ago**, in a place of La Mancha whose name I don't want to remember, a young couple of tourists called Fran and Miriam, went to visit a famous medieval castle.

I have to say that this castle has become so famous **in no time** because **at times** some international medieval fighting contests have took place there. That's

why nowadays it's very visited, and more and more people is interested in knowing it **as time goes by**.

This young couple were enjoying the **time-consuming** route inside the castle until they went into the marquis' room, which was the darkest room of the castle. Despite being so dark, Fran wanted to take a photo of his girlfriend in front of a beautiful mirror that there was there. Luckily, he had brought his tripod. **At the time**, he put his camera on the tripod and it started to take photos. At first, they were shocked because Fran didn't took them. **In no time**, scared, they run away because the camera went on taking photos **time after time**. After running down stairs, exhausted, they watched the photos and found out that a woman appeared in the mirror behind Miriam, which made them to get more frightened.

Eventually, they relaxed in the coffee shop of the castle and saw there was a big woman portrait hanging on the wall. They looked at it curiously and noticed that the woman was the same woman in the photos. Besides, there was a message which said: "Eugenia of Montijo, empress of Francia and owner of this castle in the 19th century".

Angelica, Germany

My story begins **a long time ago** when gadgets like smart phones hadn't been invented.

At this time I went on a trip together with my schoolmates. We started early in the morning by bus. So we arrived at our destination **in no time**. We wanted to climb up a mountain there. But soon dark clouds appeared on the sky. It seemed to be only **a matter of time** that a thunderstorm would disturb our hiking. But nevertheless we started the tour. Eagerly we wanted to climb the peak. **At times** on our way we had to stop because the weather got rough and stormy.

As times went by, we realized, we couldn't continue our adventure without getting in danger. We had to search for a safe place where we could stay until the thunderstorm passed by. **At one time or another** we met fellow sufferers who led us to a hut inside the wood where we could wait together with them. **Time after time** we watched the weather situation. That was quite **time consuming**.

Last but not least the weather changed to bright sunshine. We could leave the hut. Though we were delayed we arrived in time on the summit before sunset.

Mario, Italy

Despite me taking **a long time** to lose weight and get fit again, I think it was worth it. About one and a half years ago, my body weight reached 100 kg and **in no time** I decided to sign up for the gym. I started to train three times a week with poor results and, unfortunately, **time after time** I kept on thinking of food. My doctor advised me to combine my physical activity with learning to play a musical instrument or something like that. I would have liked to learn cooking but ultimately I chose to learn English language. Obviously, "munching" english idioms and phrasal verbs was not the same as munching my loved dark chocolate. **At times** I thought I was more likely to become a master of english than I was to lose some weight, but it was **only a matter of time** before I got slim again. In addition, **as time went by**, even my english improved. Finally, this **time-consuming** experience has turned out to be very useful but I hope I will never repeat it **at one time or another**.

Seiko Sakanashi

A long time ago, I realized English was necessary to make friends all over the world. I joined an English conversation class **in no time**. And I thought improving my English skill was **only a matter of time**. But **as time goes by**, it didn't work

out as I expected. So I stopped going the class because it was expensive for me. **At one time or another**, I started to study English by BBC learning English. It's difficult for me **at times**. But I watch video and do quizzes **time after time**. It's quite **time-consuming** studying English. But I never give up.

Carla Brown

There's a cliché according to which there're three things people have to do at least once in their lifetime **at one time or another**: planting a tree, writing a book and having a child. You may think that's **only a matter of time**, but **as time goes by** you realise you can't do these tasks **in no time**. Perhaps planting a tree doesn't take **a long time**, but writin a book is a **time-consuming** book, and having a child is something you are probable putting off **time after time**.

Smiley, Viet Nam

A long time ago, I believed that my English was not bad. When I went to university, I felt shock because the kind of English I had known was only theoretical. I could get high score in English exams, but I couldn't speak English confidently as my friends.

In no time, I realized that I had to do something different to improve myself. Sadly, I was not quite of a patient person at that time. I only was hard-working **at times** and there's nothing more than that. **Time after time!** Learned and stopped. It was really **time-consuming**.

At one time or another, I seriously thought of my English journey. I decided to change myself. Then I followed BBC Learning English programmes, especially on new website. **As time went by**, I was patient to learn English every week from Lower-Intermediate to Towards Advanced. I know **it's only a matter of time** to be excellent at English as I wished.

Teresa, Málaga, Spain

She had watched that film **time after time** but **as time went by** she liked it more and more. She used to sit down on the huge and comfortable armchair which was in front of the screen to watch it, **at times** with a pop corn bag or any candy that she ate **in no time** during the beginning of the film. It was **only a matter of time** that the DVD of the film was broken by the use, and the real problem was that she didn't have any copy of it although it was her favourite film. She kept the sleeve **a long time** because **at one time or another** she hoped to find an original version of the film in DVD support. But it was too **time-consuming** and finally she decided to download from the Internet.

Francesco, Rome, Italy

A SCARY SURPRISE

A long time ago, we decided to do some works to our house in Umbria. This house in fact is a part of an ancient castle, where the **time - consuming** process had created troubles to some rooms. My aunt, worried by some rifts, decided to renovate the floor of the kitchen and the hall. Something strange was happening. When the first works started, the floor collapsed revealing under the ground another dark place. When I was young, many stories were told about some secrets hidden in our beautiful house, but never we expect to find a room unknown to our grandparents who bought this part of a castle **at one time or another**.

After the floor collapsed, one worker fell in the fissure. Fortunately, the room was not very tall, and the worker had no problem to pick up and block a rope. In this way, we succeeded to explore the unexpected surprise that has rest under our feet **for a long time**.

Suddenly we heard a creepy murmurr under us. The floor seem to be broken, as we were walking over many spheres.

“It is the jail of the castle!” asked petrified our aunt. Turning on the light, we found under our feet only bones. In this place, our ancestors left their prisoners dying, and **as time goes by** nobody remembered them. Until we found this jail, turned on by the time in a graveyard.

Edilson, Sao Paulo, Brazil

A long time ago it dawned on me that I really needed to start learning English, so I enrolled in a English course from a traditional school close to my house. **As time WENT** by I realized that the English taught in the textbooks is not the real life English because I used to watch some English talks, series and movies **at times**, then I put two and two together and realized that most of Brazilian English schools did not teach the real English but the one from the textbooks that are far from the reality. **Time after time** I WOULD WONDER about it, **at one time or another** I came to a conclusion that this course was really a **time-consuming** designed to make me get stuck to it FOR the long run. Then, I finally realized I would not get anywhere by taking this kind of course. Consequently, I started looking for some online resources that could help me to learn useful and real English by myself. After tracking down for some days I found out some interesting English stuff developed by BBC Learning English, then it was just a **matter of time** before **I MADE time** to learn English with them. This website is so good that **IN NO TIME**, I could already see some payoffs.

BBC Learning English says:

Well done Edilson. We love your story which has a good message! You have used some correct uses of the word ‘time’ but you sometimes mix up your present and past tense – try to keep it consistent. Thanks for sending it in.

Silvia

23 years ago I crowned my dream : to become a mother. I had waited for a **long time** this moment and I was so happy... I could not imagine it would have been so difficult. **In no time** I realized I had lost my freedom and it was only a **matter of time** to understand that life would never be the same as I had in the past. It was very **time-consuming** to look after that little being and I was so tired... **At times** I thought I was not a good mother ... Then, **as time went by** she began to smile and later to speak everything changed. **Time after time** my sadness decreased and I was only proud to have a wonderful child.

Pawan, Nepal

At times, the window glasses were rattled by the sound of an airplane, and the little boy Krishna would shriek, " Mom, earthquake ...!" in exclamation. Krishna, who is eight years old, was a gregarious and extrovert child. With broad smile in his face, he used to greet everyone and would rejoice them with his humor. **In no time**, his smile was seized, and the boy lost his charm when a massive earthquake shook his country one year ago; Krishna was only seven years old then.

As time went by, the earthquake left an indelible mark on his fledgling mind. **Time after time**, he would shriek, shiver and sob upon hearing the window glasses rattle by the airplane. Only at seven, it seemed his childhood vanished, and his dream of becoming astronaut shattered. After earthquake, he lived in isolation - as a recluse from friends and other people. His mind and behavior were never the same; not only did he forget to smile but also stayed at home all the time without going to play with his friends. It felt as if it was **only a matter of time** when he would get admitted to a mental hospital. The multiple aftershocks of earthquake **at**

one time or another had a malignant impact upon him, which was apparent from his uncanny demeanor.

It wasn't long before when their parents decided they must visit a psychiatrist, who lived nearby, and ask him for advice. Krishna was admitted to his clinic and **time after time** visited the doctor. **In no time**, some changes were conspicuous from his conduct; he began to draw pictures, read some interesting story books, watch cartoons which made him forget the horrific incident. Soon he started going outside and played with his friends. Although the medication was **time-consuming** and painstaking, Krishna's forbearance made the healing process look simpler. However, he was never as before - somewhere down in his mind the severity of earthquake still remained haunting him **at times**.

ACTIVITY 3

5 things about non-defining relative clauses

Dan, who is an excellent teacher of English, has a handful of tips to help you learn and use non-defining relative clauses. Learn them, love them and they'll never let you down!

Read the text and complete the activity

Dan

Hi Guys! Dan for BBC Learning English here. This time we're going to be taking a look at **non-defining relative clauses** and why they are awesome! Are you ready? Here we go.

Number 1 – they're free. How cool is that? They are like the free toothpaste you get given when you go to a shop and buy a toothbrush. You don't need it, but everybody likes something for free. What's even cooler is, if you don't want it, **you can remove it** and the main information from the sentence is the same.

Number 2 - you can always identify them! Unlike sneaky defining relative clauses, **non-defining relative clauses are always marked with commas** next to the noun which they describe. When being spoken, the intonation pattern of the sentence changes to show where the clause is. For example, 'The pens which I left on the table were stolen.' 'The pens, which I left on the table, were stolen.'

Number 3 - they are proud. Unlike shameful defining relative clauses, which can hide their relative pronoun or use 'that', **non-defining relative clauses always use the correct relative pronoun** - who for people and which for objects. AND they never omit them.

Number 4 - they can count! **Non-defining relative clauses are able to quantify a noun**, even if the main clause doesn't. They can be used with determiners such as many, some, all, a few, half etc. This allows us to comment on part of a group rather than all or nothing – like defining relative clauses. 'The pens, many of which I left on the table, were stolen.'

Number 5 - they care about our opinion! Non-defining relative clauses are not only able comment on a noun within a sentence, but **allow us to make a comment on the whole sentence** itself. This is used to communicate the speaker's opinion about the events they've just mentioned. 'The pens, which I left on the table, were stolen, which surprised me.'

Aren't they cool? Learn them, love them and they'll never let you down. Non-defining relative clauses – a speaker's best friend.

Summary

1. You can remove a non-defining relative clause and the sentence will still make sense. It **adds extra information** about the noun.
- *Their dog, which spent its first year living on the streets, didn't like sleeping in the house.*
 - *Their dog didn't like sleeping in the house.*

2. You can always identify a non-defining relative clause because there is a **comma after the noun** it's describing. There will always be a comma at the end of the non-defining clause as well unless it finishes the sentence.

- *Her hair, which was naturally brown, was dyed blonde.*
- *She had blonde hair, which was dyed.*

3. Non-defining relative clauses always need the **correct relative pronoun** (which, who, whom). In defining relative clauses, these pronouns are often replaced with 'that'. It's also not possible to leave the pronoun out of a non-defining relative clause.

- *Correct: Their car, **which** was 20 years old, had begun to fall apart.*
- *Wrong: Their car, **that** was 20 years old, had begun to fall apart.*
- *Wrong: Their car, was 20 years old, had begun to fall apart.*

4. Non-defining relative clauses can add **extra information about the quantity** of objects described. We do this by using expressions such as **many, some, all, a few, half** followed by the correct relative pronoun.

- *The people, **half of whom** had never voted before, elected a new leader.*
- *The patients, **many of whom** smoked, were suffering from lung conditions.*

5. You can **comment on a whole sentence** using non-defining relative clauses.

- *The pigeons, which were all over the town square, left a terrible mess, **which was disgusting.***
- *The children, who were having a wonderful time, didn't want to go home, **which didn't surprise me.***

To do

Now it's time for you, who always study hard, to try this quiz.

Question 1 of 5

'The boys who wore red shirts were Manchester United fans.' What does this mean?

- A Some of the boys were Manchester United fans; others weren't.
- B All of the boys were Manchester United fans.
- C None of the boys was a Manchester United fan.

Question 2 of 5

Which is the correct sentence?

- A Russia which is the biggest country in the world is very cold.
- B Russia, which is the biggest country in the world is very cold.
- C Russia, which is the biggest country in the world, is very cold.

Question 3 of 5

Which of these sentences is correct?

- A The weather, was unusually hot, started to make people ill.
- B The weather, which was unusually hot, started to make people ill.
- C The weather, that was unusually hot, started to make people ill.

Question 4 of 5

'My friend, what lives in Vietnam, is an English teacher.' What's wrong with this sentence?

- A There should be no commas.
- B 'what' is not the correct relative pronoun for people.
- C 'what' is not necessary in this sentence.

Question 5 of 5

Which sentence is correct?

- A The mugs, most of were dirty, were left on the counter.
- B The mugs, most of which were dirty, were left on the counter.
- C The mugs most of which were dirty were left on the counter.