

Defining and non-defining relative clauses definitions bluff game

with useful language for Cambridge First Certificate Speaking, Writing and Use of English

Choose words and expressions from the list you are given and write a mix of true and false definitions from your own knowledge or imagination (without help such as the internet or a dictionary). The false ones could be:

- True definitions with something changed
- True definitions with some false information added
- Completely made-up definitions (including because you don't know the expression)

*You must write at least one true definition and at least one false definition. **All definitions must have defining and/ or non-defining relative clauses** by using the structures like those below.*

Useful language for defining words and expressions

Possible sentence structures

..., which means..., ...

..., which..., means...

..., which...,...

..., whose...,...

(a)... which/ that/ whose...

Useful words and phrases

whose opposite/ noun/ verb/ adjective is...,

whose normal meaning is..., also means...

whose definition/ meaning is...

is a noun/ verb/ phrasal verb

is an adverb/ adjective/ idiom/ expression/ abbreviation

is a regular/ irregular...

is British English/ American English/ slang

is used to describe/ is used to talk about...

is a positive/ negative/ neutral/ mixed/ common/ rare/ spoken/ written word

is a synonym of...

stands for...

(literal/ word for word) translation

(literally/ approximately) translated

can be used in/ with...

collocates (strongly) with.../ goes together with...

follows...

is followed by...

similar to – different from

comes from French/ Latin/ Greek/ German

Read out or give your definitions to another team to see if they know or can guess which are true and which are made up.

When you finish, look at both vocabulary sheets and ask your teacher about any words or expressions that you don't know.

Vocabulary to define (for Cambridge First Speaking, Writing and Use of English)**Group A**

1. CV
2. a break
3. a good command of...
4. a lift
5. a position
6. a relief
7. adaptable
8. adore
9. afford
10. ages
11. appearance
12. astonish
13. atmosphere
14. attract
15. be in no hurry to...
16. beat
17. blame
18. bland
19. brought up
20. bump into
21. can't wait to
22. cheesy
23. classmate
24. clichéd
25. cloying
26. coincidence
27. commuter town
28. concentrate
29. condo
30. costume drama
31. cram
32. day off
33. day out
34. days off
35. deliberately
36. determined
37. detest
38. distinctive
39. drawback
40. dread
41. dreadful
42. drop me a line
43. dull

44. décor
45. enclosed
46. expertise
47. fancy
48. feedback
49. flawless
50. fond of
51. force
52. furious
53. get on with
54. get used to
55. glance
56. go out with
57. gripping
58. had better
59. hardly
60. haunting
61. hearty
62. hilarious
63. ideal
64. if so
65. impeccable
66. in touch
67. interrupt
68. intriguing
69. keep fit
70. kick yourself
71. lip smacking
72. loads
73. loathe
74. location

Group B

75. manage
76. mansion
77. market
78. meet up with
79. misgivings
80. monotonous
81. my fault
82. no point
83. not worth
84. notorious
85. off the top of my head
86. on balance
87. other side of the coin
88. out of the blue
89. outgoing
90. outweigh
91. over the top
92. overrated
93. pick up
94. piping hot
95. plot
96. pointless
97. posh
98. predictable
99. prequel
100. pretentious
101. qualification
102. questionnaire
103. re:
104. really into
105. remake
106. remind
107. resemblance
108. revolting
109. rom-com
110. sci-fi
111. screenwriter
112. sequel
113. shortcoming
114. sickly
115. sitcom
116. skip
117. snail mail
118. soap opera
119. souvenir

- 120. spectacular
- 121. stands out (from the crowd)...
- 122. student halls
- 123. studio flat
- 124. suit
- 125. sum up
- 126. survey
- 127. take after
- 128. take up
- 129. tedious
- 130. the bee's knees
- 131. the other day
- 132. thrilled
- 133. timeless
- 134. trailer
- 135. trip
- 136. turn out
- 137. typical
- 138. underrated
- 139. unforgettable
- 140. unmatched
- 141. uplifting
- 142. vacancy
- 143. vast majority
- 144. well
- 145. whodunit
- 146. wish

Brainstorming stage

Without looking above for now, try to remember or think of suitable words or phrases for each of the categories below. Some vocabulary can go in more than one place, and lots of vocabulary not above is also suitable.

Positive words and expressions**Negative words and expressions****Job applications****Telling stories****Talking about likes and dislikes****Describing people**

Describing places you live

Phrasal verbs and other idioms

Informal expressions (such as those used in an informal email)

Vocabulary for describing movies

Vocabulary for describing food

Vocabulary for reports

Look above to check and expand your answers. Almost all of the expressions fit in at least one place. Then compare your extra ideas as a class.