

Definitions Auction: A classroom game to practise defining and non-defining relative clauses.

Link to standard/advanced textbook: A practice activity for the Language Focus Lesson in Unit 15.

Difficulty level: Medium

Time: 10 – 15 mins

Option 1

Photocopies

Option 1: Worksheets

Preparation:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make photocopies of the worksheet below for every student (each A4 sheet contains two copies – so you can cut them in half). 	
Stage	Procedure
Introduction 3 mins	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tell the students that they are going to play a game called “Definitions Auction” to practise defining and non–defining relative clauses. Put students into 4 or 5 teams - each with a team leader Hand out the worksheet – 1 per student. Explain the rules of the game: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The definitions are for sale. Some of them are true and some of them are false. Each team decides which definitions they think are true. Each team then tries to buy the definitions that they think are true by bidding (offering) more money than all the other teams. They have a total of 1 million VND at the auction. The winner of the game is the team that buys the highest number of true definitions.
Auction 10 + mins	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Give the students a few minutes to decide which of the 10 sentences are true or false (Note: All of the sentences are grammatically correct). Start the auction, for example: <i>Teacher: How much do you bid for number one?</i> <i>Group 1: 100,000vnd</i> <i>Group 2: 150.000vnd</i> <i>Teacher: Is that the final price?</i> <i>Group 3: No, we bid 160,000vnd</i> <i>Teacher: Final price? ...Okay, group 3 has question 1. Now, let's go to question 2...</i> Remind the students that they only have 1 million VND. Once they run out of money they are no longer able to bid. Keep a tab on which team buys which sentence, and how much they have spent. Tell the students which were the true sentences True definitions: 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10.

	<p>6. Announce the winner and highlight the main grammar point.</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>True definitions for the false sentences</td></tr><tr><td>2. Edinburgh is an attractive city which is also the capital of Scotland.</td></tr><tr><td>5. A giraffe is an animal which lives in Africa and has a long neck.</td></tr><tr><td>7. <i>Titanic</i> is a tragic love story film which is based on the true story of the Titanic disaster in 1912.</td></tr><tr><td>9. Washington DC is the capital of the United States.</td></tr></table>	True definitions for the false sentences	2. Edinburgh is an attractive city which is also the capital of Scotland.	5. A giraffe is an animal which lives in Africa and has a long neck.	7. <i>Titanic</i> is a tragic love story film which is based on the true story of the Titanic disaster in 1912.	9. Washington DC is the capital of the United States.
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Variations	<p>1. For similar idea, please go to: http://www.eslprintables.com/printable.asp?id=93783</p>					

Material:

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| 2. Glasgow is an industrial city which is also the capital of Scotland. |
| 3. An igloo is a building which is made of blocks of snow and ice. |
| 4. The panda is the animal which is the symbol of WWF and lives in China. |
| 5. A zebra is an animal which lives in Africa and has a long neck. |
| 6. Football is a sport which is popular all over the world and played in teams. |
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