**Defining relative cIauses**

**Use**

* We use defining relative clauses to give us essential information about a person, thing, place, possession or time.

That's the doctor ***who*** carries out the transplants.

Cosmetic surgery is a process ***which*** can help people following serious accidents.

St Bart's hospital is the hospital ***where*** you go for first aid training.

That's the surgeon ***whose*** procedure is now followed in every hospital in the country.

1992 is the year ***when*** Dr Alvarez carried out the first operation.

* We can use ***that*** for people or things instead of ***who*** or ***which***. This is less formal.

The person ***that*** discovered the solution was from China.

The factory ***that*** produces the machine employs over 200 people.

* We always ***use*** ***who***, ***which*** and ***that*** when it is the ***subject*** of the defining relative clause (i.e. when it is followed by the verb).

He's the man ***who*** did the first bungee jump.

Do you know about the operation ***that*** replaces a damaged hip?

* We can ***leave*** ***out*** ***who***, ***which*** and ***that*** when they are the ***object*** of the relative clause (i.e. when they are followed by a noun or a pronoun).

He's the man (***who***) I met in New Zealand.

That's the operation (***that***) she had last year.