## A DESCRIPTION (1) Describing a room – relative pronouns, participles

- Read the description. Why is this kitchen more than just a room where you cook and eat?
- 3 Complete the description using these relative clauses:

relative clauses:
which tells the story
that we're going to next Saturday
where we cook and eat
whose family have all emigrated
whose family have all emigrated
whose family and
the record point of the room
which mean
the record point of the room
which mean
the story
the haven't see
I like best
who are cross and sleepy
where family and friends come together

## GRAMMAR SPOT

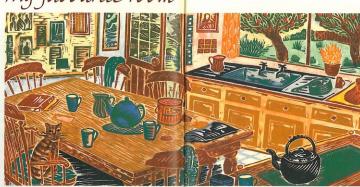
- whose?

  2. Look at the these sentences. We can omit the relative pronous from one in each pair. Which one? Why?

  This is the room which I like best. / This is the room which has a good view of the each. He's a friend who we havent seen for years. / He's a friend who lives in London.
- I Look at these examples of participles.
  Rewrite them with relative pronouns.
  I have so many happy memories of times spent there.
  There is a large window looking out onto two apple trees in the garden.

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My favourite room



he room in our house [1] \_\_\_\_\_ is our kitchen. Perhaps the kitchen is the most important room in many houses, but it is particularly so in our house because it's not only [2] \_\_\_\_\_.

I have so many happy memories of times spent there: ordinary daily events such as making breakfast on dark, cold winter mornings for children [4] \_\_\_\_. before sending them off to school, or special occasions such as homecomings or cooking. Christmas dinner. Whenever we have a party, people gravitate with their drinks to the kitchen. It always ends up the fullest and noisiest room in the house.

So what does this special room look like? It's quite big, but not huge. It's big enough to have a good-sized rectangular table in the centre, [5] \_\_\_\_\_. There is a large window above the sink, looking

out onto two apple trees in the garden. There's a big, old cooking stove at one end, and at the other end a wall with a huge notice board (s) \_\_\_\_\_\_ of our lives, past, present, and (future: a school photo of the kids; a postcard from Auntie Nancy, (?) \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Australia; the menu from a take-away Chinese restaurant; an invitation to a wedding (s) \_\_\_\_\_\_ is a letter from a friend (g) \_\_\_\_\_\_ for years. All our world is there for everyone to read! The front door is seldom used in our house, only by strangers. All our rindead see the back door (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_ they come straight into the kitchen and join in whatever is happening there. The kettle goes on immediately and then we all sit round the table, drinking tea and putting the world to rights! Without doubt some of the happiest times of my life have been spent in our kitchen.

- 4 Link these sentences with the correct relative pronoun: who, which, that,
- The blonde lady is Pat. She's wearing a black dress.
  There's the hospital. My sister works there.

- there.

  3 The postcard arrived this morning. It's from Auntie Nancy.

  4 I passed all my exams. This made my father very proud.

  5 Did you meet the girl? Her mother teaches French.
- 5 Complete the sentences with a word from the box in the present or past participle.

play give stick listen arrange

- 6 Write a similar description of your favourite room in about 250 words. Describe it and give reasons why you like it. Use relative pronouns and participles to link your sentences.

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