

## B1. II

## Unit 2

## Exercise 1

**For questions 1-9, fill in the gaps with the correct relative pronoun. Sometimes there could be more than one possibility.**

Last month I went to visit my friend John (1) \_\_\_\_\_ I went to college with. I met John when we lived together in a hall of residence in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ there were always some crazy parties. John has settled down now and has two kids. He's nothing like the John (3) \_\_\_\_\_ I used to know when we were younger. He likes to take his children to the park (4) \_\_\_\_\_ is close to his home, so that's where we spent our evenings. Sometimes, we also played video games with them, although at first I didn't really like the games (5) \_\_\_\_\_ we were playing as they were designed for children. I much prefer playing games (6) \_\_\_\_\_ are more for adults. But when you're a guest, you have to take into account (7) \_\_\_\_\_ house it is and just go with the flow. In the end, we really had a great time together. I couldn't even tell you (8) \_\_\_\_\_ won most of the games. It was more about just spending the weekend with people (9) \_\_\_\_\_ you care about. It was a way to realize how our lives change as we grow older.

## Exercise 2

**Complete the sentences using the appropriate relative word: who, which, where, whose.**

1. Athens, \_\_\_\_\_ is the capital of Greece, is my favourite city.
2. My teacher, \_\_\_\_\_ son is in my class, is from Mexico.
3. This iPhone, \_\_\_\_\_ I purchased last week, is not as good as they said.
4. Mercedes Benz cars, \_\_\_\_\_ are made in Germany, are expensive.
5. Mel Gibson, \_\_\_\_\_ starred in *Braveheart*, was born in Australia.
6. Kathy, \_\_\_\_\_ brother is a baseball player, is in my history class.
7. Mr. Johnson, \_\_\_\_\_ teaches maths, is going to retire next year.
8. The house, \_\_\_\_\_ I lived for many years, is not far from here.

### Exercise 3

Read the text below.

#### Customs and culture, Australia.

##### Greetings between men and women

A handshake tends to be the norm for formal and business situations. A nod of acknowledgment is common in less formal situations and between good friends and family a single kiss on the cheek tends to be the norm.

##### Eye Contact

Direct eye contact is acceptable and expected in Australia and avoiding someone's eyes during conversations is usually viewed as disrespectful and rude.

##### Views on time

Australia has a fairly laid back culture; most people will give time fairly freely to help each other out. Buses, trains, and other services run on time for the most part but punctuality tends to be valued more in business and professional situations than in social ones.

##### Gestures

Hand gestures are a way of communicating with others and conveying your feelings. These gestures are most helpful when one is speaking to someone with no language in common. The meanings of hand gestures in different cultures may translate into different things.

On a visit to Canberra in 1992, George H.W. Bush unwittingly insulted a group of locals by giving them the V-sign while riding past in his armoured car. The gesture might mean "Victory" in America, but it means something radically different in Australia when given with the palm facing inward, as in Bush Senior's case. Used that way, it's actually equivalent to the upraised middle finger in the US.

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Decide whether these statements are true or false.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A handshake is used in every social context.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Making eye contact is not necessary when talking to someone.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Hand gestures may have different meanings depending on the culture.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Australians value punctuality.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Public transportation is quite efficient.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ On a visit to Australia, a former president of the USA accidentally offended a group of people with a hand gesture.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Two kisses on the cheek are common when greeting family and friends.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The hand gesture for victory is the same around the world.