**Session 1: Embedded Clauses**

By the end of this session, students should be confident using the relative pronouns ‘who’, ‘which’ and ‘where’ to create embedded clauses.

**What is an embedded clause?**

An embedded clause is a clause in the middle of a main clause. It provides extra information to the main clause. It is usually separated from the main clause by a pair of **commas**, **dashes** or **brackets**. The main clause would still make sense on its own without the embedded clause. The embedded clause usually starts with ‘who’, ‘where’ or ‘which’.

**Task 1. Find and punctuate the embedded clause in each sentence.**

***Guidelines - when punctuating the embedded clause:***

* ***select brackets if it is relatively unimportant***
* ***select dashes to emphasise the clause***
* ***select commas if you want the sentence to flow easily***

1. The boy who was only seven could play the piano.

2. The beach which was very crowded was hotter than ever.

3. The ball which was kicked by the goal keeper flew through the air.

4. The music which was too loud gave me a headache.

5. The old lady who had lots of bags waited for a taxi.

6. The bus which was empty sped down the street.

7. The loaf of bread which Terry bought last week was mouldy.

8. The singer who was on the stage sang to the audience.

9. The town I live in where I also got married is near Scotland.

*Use your judgement to decide whether to use dashes, brackets or commas.*

**Task 2: Add an embedded clause in each gap. Include the necessary punctuation.**

1. The chanting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gave me a headache.

2. The astronaut \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ climbed into the space rocket.

3. The ants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ built their colony.

4. The elderly man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ struggled across the road.

5. The rainbow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stretched across a cloudless sky.

**Task 3. Add a main clause to fit around this embedded clause**

1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(who was 13 last week)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(a former student at Okehampton)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(which was full)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(who will arrive soon) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(which has since been lost) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(where I grew up) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(where hope once lived) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.