Reduced relative clauses

10 practice questions • Padworth Learning Studio

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. “People who are waiting” can become:

People waited / People waiting / People to waited

My answer: _____

2. “The report that was written yesterday” becomes:

The report writing yesterday / The report wrote yesterday / The report written yesterday

My answer: _____

3. “The woman carrying a blue bag” describes:

A woman who is carrying it / A woman carried by it / A bag carrying her

My answer: _____

4. Choose the correct reduced passive phrase.

The forms submitted online / The forms submitting online / The forms submit online

My answer: _____

5. “Anyone wishing to join should email us” means:

Anyone who wishes to join / Anyone who has been joined / Anyone who was joined

My answer: _____

6. Shorten “the students who are waiting outside”.

the students wait outside / the students waiting outside / the students waited outside

My answer: _____

7. Shorten “the report that was written yesterday”.

the report written yesterday / the report writing yesterday / the report wrote yesterday

My answer: _____

8. Which phrase has passive meaning?

the people storing items / the workers carrying boxes / the items stored upstairs

My answer: _____

9. Shorten “anyone who wants to join”.

anyone want to join / anyone wanting to join / anyone wanted to join

My answer: _____

10. Choose the phrase meaning “the bridge that was built in 1900”.

the bridge built in 1900 / the bridge building in 1900 / the bridge builds in 1900

My answer: _____

Answer key & explanations

1. **People waiting** — An active ongoing description can use an -ing phrase.

2. **The report written yesterday** — The report receives the action, so use the passive participle written.

3. **A woman who is carrying it** — The woman is the agent of carrying.

4. **The forms submitted online** — Forms are submitted; the passive participle is submitted.

5. **Anyone who wishes to join** — Wishing gives an active description of anyone.

6. **the students waiting outside** — An active continuous relative clause can reduce to an -ing phrase.

7. **the report written yesterday** — A passive relative clause can reduce to a past-participle phrase.

8. **the items stored upstairs** — Stored describes items that someone has stored; the other -ing phrases describe active doers.

9. **anyone wanting to join** — Wanting preserves the active meaning; wanted would change the structure and meaning.

10. **the bridge built in 1900** — Built is the past participle and preserves the passive meaning.