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Unsung heroes

Worksheet 2

1. In each sentence, complete the gap with *who*, *which* or *where*.

1 In 2010 Haiti was struck by a massive earthquake, _____ destroyed more than 250,000 homes.

2 Diseases like tuberculosis (TB) would spread quickly in a place _____ people were having to live without clean water or adequate shelter.

3 Coffee didn't have a hospital, so she set up a tent _____ people could come for treatment and advice.

4 She gave up her job, _____ was at a top university back in the United States.

5 Mary Seacole was a Jamaican nurse _____ risked her life to treat wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

6 She decided to set up her own hospital, _____ she called a hotel, in Kadikoi, Crimea.

7 She treated hundreds of soldiers there, and on the battlefield, for their wounds and also for diseases such as cholera, ______ took enormous bravery as she could easily have been killed or caught a fatal disease herself.

8 Many people had done this before, but none were quadriplegic, _____ means not being able to use any part of your body from the neck down.

9 A fossil is an animal or plant ______ turned to rock thousands of years ago.

10 In 1812 Mary found the skeleton of a huge dinosaur, an ichthyosaur, _____ changed what people believed about the beginning of the world.

11 Irena Sendler, ______ was a social worker in Warsaw, Poland, during the Second World War, is thought to have saved at least 2,500 Jewish children.

12 In 1943 she was caught by the Nazi soldiers, but would not tell the Nazis the names of the children she had saved or the people _____ had helped them.

2. Read the following explanation about defining and non-defining relative clauses. Then decide whether sentences 1–5 in exercise 1 are defining or non-defining.

Defining relative clauses give essential information about which person, thing or place is being discussed. There is no comma before the relative pronoun.

Nursing is a profession which can sometimes be dangerous.

Non-defining relative clauses give extra non-essential information about the person, thing or place. We use commas to separate this clause from the rest of the sentence.

The hospital, which was in Kadikoi, cost £800 to build.

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