**Creating texts for English lessons**

* Hypothesis: Chat GPT is capable of creating a 15-sentence long text on the life of Henry VIII containing defining and non-defining relative clauses on a B1-B2 level within three attempts
* Presumption: True
* Method: I will prompt ChatGPT to create the text and I will count the attempts
* Criteria: The text needs to be on a B1-B2 level, it needs to contain 15 sentences, and it needs to contain both defining and non-defining relative clauses
* Conclusion: ChatGPT could not generate a text on the life of Henry VIII that contains both defining and non-defining relative clauses within three attempts

**Attempt 1. Anonymous: Please, summarize the life of Henry VIII in 15 sentences using non-defining and defining relative clauses on a B1-B2 level**

**🡨Do you verified (before:-) whether ChatGPT is knowing the used keywords at all?ChatGPT**

Henry VIII, who was born on June 28, 1491, became King of England in 1509. His father, Henry VII, was the first monarch of the House of Tudor. Henry VIII, who was the second son, became heir to the throne after his elder brother Arthur died. He is famous for having six wives, which is an unusual number for a king. His first wife, Catherine of Aragon, could not produce a male heir, which led Henry to seek a divorce. The Pope, who had significant power, refused to annul the marriage, which led Henry to break away from the Catholic Church.

Henry established the Church of England, which allowed him to divorce Catherine and marry Anne Boleyn, who was his second wife. Anne, who was later executed, gave birth to Elizabeth I, who became one of England’s greatest monarchs. His third wife, Jane Seymour, gave him his long-desired male heir, Edward VI, although she died shortly after childbirth. Henry's fourth marriage, which was to Anne of Cleves, was annulled because he found her unattractive.

Henry’s fifth wife, Catherine Howard, who was accused of adultery, was executed. His sixth and final wife, Catherine Parr, outlived him and helped reconcile Henry with his daughters from his previous marriages. Henry VIII, whose reign was marked by significant religious and political changes, also invested in the navy, making it a formidable force. He was a patron of the arts, which flourished during his reign.

Henry died on January 28, 1547, and was succeeded by his only son, Edward VI. His legacy, which is complex and controversial, includes the establishment of the Church of England and his role in the English Reformation. Henry VIII, who is often remembered for his tyrannical rule, also made lasting contributions to English culture and history.

*There are seventeen sentences in the text. Since there are no defining relative clauses in the first text, I attempted to prompt ChatGPT a second time.*

**Attempt 2. Anonymous: Please, summarize the life of Henry VIII in 15 sentences using both non-defining and defining relative clauses on a B1-B2 level.**

**ChatGPT**

Henry VIII, who was born on June 28, 1491, became King of England in 1509. He was the second son of Henry VII, who founded the House of Tudor. Henry, who became heir after his brother Arthur died, is famous for having six wives. His first wife, Catherine of Aragon, whom he married in 1509, failed to produce a male heir. This led Henry, who wanted a son, to seek a divorce.

The Pope, who had significant authority, refused to annul the marriage. Consequently, Henry broke away from the Catholic Church, which led to the creation of the Church of England. He then married Anne Boleyn, who was his second wife. Anne, who was later executed, gave birth to Elizabeth I, who became a great monarch. Jane Seymour, who was his third wife, gave him a son, Edward VI, although she died shortly after childbirth.

Anne of Cleves, whom Henry married next, was his fourth wife, but their marriage was annulled because he found her unattractive. His fifth wife, Catherine Howard, who was much younger, was executed for adultery. Catherine Parr, who was his sixth wife, outlived him and helped reconcile him with his daughters. Henry VIII, whose reign saw significant changes, also invested in the navy.

Henry, who was a patron of the arts, encouraged cultural development during his reign. He died on January 28, 1547, and was succeeded by Edward VI, his only son. Henry's legacy, which is complex, includes the establishment of the Church of England. He is remembered for his six marriages, which dramatically influenced English history. Henry VIII, who ruled for nearly 38 years, made lasting contributions to the country.

*There are eighteen sentences in this text.* *The text is different; however, it still does not contain any defining relative clauses, only non-defining ones.*

*I asked ChatGPT to write me a sentence with a defining relative clause to find out if it is familiar with this term.*

**Anonymous: Please, write me a sentence that contains a defining relative clause.**

**ChatGPT**: The book that I borrowed from the library was incredibly fascinating.

*It can be established that ChatGPT knows the term “defining relative clause”. Therefore, there must have been a problem with the way I prompted it. If I used the word “both”, it did not give me defining relative clauses, only non-defining ones.*

*Therefore, in my third attempt, I used the following prompt.*

**Attempt 3. Anonymous: Please, summarize the life of Henry VIII in 15 sentences on a B1-B2 level. Please, use non-defining relative clauses. Please, also use defining relative clauses.**

**ChatGPT**

Henry VIII, who was born on June 28, 1491, became King of England in 1509. He was the second son of Henry VII, who founded the House of Tudor. Henry, who became heir after his brother Arthur died, is famous for having six wives. His first wife was Catherine of Aragon, whom he married in 1509. Catherine, who was a Spanish princess, failed to produce a male heir.

This led Henry to seek a divorce, which the Pope refused to grant. Consequently, Henry broke away from the Catholic Church, which led to the creation of the Church of England. He then married Anne Boleyn, who was his second wife. Anne, who was later executed, gave birth to Elizabeth I, who became a great monarch. Jane Seymour, who was his third wife, gave him a son, Edward VI, although she died shortly after childbirth.

His fourth wife was Anne of Cleves, whom he found unattractive, so their marriage was annulled. Catherine Howard, who was his fifth wife, was executed for adultery. His sixth wife was Catherine Parr, who outlived him and helped reconcile him with his daughters. Henry VIII, whose reign saw significant changes, also invested in the navy. Henry, who was a patron of the arts, encouraged cultural development during his reign.

He died on January 28, 1547, and was succeeded by Edward VI, his only son. Henry's legacy, which is complex, includes the establishment of the Church of England. He is remembered for his six marriages, which dramatically influenced English history. Henry VIII, who ruled for nearly 38 years, made lasting contributions to the country.

*There are nineteen sentences in this text.* *The third attempt was not successful, the third text contains only non-defining relative clauses.*

*I tried to find out whether ChatGPT would give a sentence with a defining relative clause and a sentence with a non-defining relative clause if I asked it to write only two sentences.*

**Anonymous: Please write a text of two sentences. One sentence should contain a defining relative clause. The other sentence should contain a non-defining relative clause**.

**ChatGPT:** The movie that we watched last night was very entertaining. My friend Sarah, who lives in New York, recommended it to me.

*It can be established again that it knows the difference between defining and non-defining relative clauses.*

In my fourth attempt, I tried the following prompt.

**Attempt 4. Anonymous: Please, write a 15 sentence-long summary of the life of Henry VIII on a B1-B2 level. Seven sentences should contain a defining relative clause. Eight sentences should contain a non-defining relative clause.**

**ChatGPT**

Henry VIII, who was born on June 28, 1491, became King of England in 1509. He was the second son of Henry VII, who founded the House of Tudor. Henry, who became heir after his brother Arthur died, is famous for having six wives. His first wife was Catherine of Aragon, whom he married in 1509. Catherine, who was a Spanish princess, failed to produce a male heir. This led Henry to seek a divorce, which the Pope refused to grant. Consequently, Henry broke away from the Catholic Church and created the Church of England.

He then married Anne Boleyn, who was his second wife. Anne, who was later executed, gave birth to Elizabeth I, who became a great monarch. Jane Seymour, who was his third wife, gave him a son named Edward VI. Anne of Cleves, whom Henry married next, was his fourth wife, but their marriage was annulled because he found her unattractive. His fifth wife, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery. His sixth wife was Catherine Parr, who outlived him and helped reconcile him with his daughters.

Henry VIII, who was a patron of the arts, encouraged cultural development during his reign. He invested in the navy, which made England a powerful maritime nation. Henry, who ruled for nearly 38 years, died on January 28, 1547. His only son, Edward VI, succeeded him. Henry's legacy, which is complex, includes the establishment of the Church of England. He is also remembered for his six marriages, which significantly influenced English history. Henry VIII, who is often remembered for his dramatic personal life, made lasting contributions to England.

*There are 20 sentences. The text still does not contain defining relative clauses, only non-defining relative clauses.*

*I tried to find out whether it would give me sentences with defining relative clauses if I prompted it to give only those types of sentences. So, my next prompt was the following.*

**Attempt 5. Anonymous: Please, write me a 15-sentence long text on the life of Henry VIII on a B1-B2 level. The text should contain sentences with defining relative clauses.**

**ChatGPT**

Henry VIII was born on June 28, 1491, and he became King of England in 1509. He was the second son of Henry VII, who founded the House of Tudor. Henry, who became heir after his brother Arthur died, is famous for having six wives. His first wife was Catherine of Aragon, whom he married in 1509. Catherine was a Spanish princess who failed to produce a male heir. This led Henry to seek a divorce, which the Pope refused to grant. Consequently, Henry broke away from the Catholic Church and created the Church of England.

He then married Anne Boleyn, who was his second wife. Anne was the mother of Elizabeth I, who became one of England's greatest monarchs. Jane Seymour, who was his third wife, gave him a son named Edward VI. Anne of Cleves, whom Henry married next, was his fourth wife, but their marriage was annulled because he found her unattractive. His fifth wife, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery. His sixth wife, Catherine Parr, outlived him and helped reconcile him with his daughters.

Henry VIII, who was a patron of the arts, encouraged cultural development during his reign. He invested in the navy, which made England a formidable maritime power. Henry, who ruled for nearly 38 years, died on January 28, 1547. His only son, Edward VI, succeeded him. Henry's legacy includes the establishment of the Church of England, which separated from the Catholic Church. He is also remembered for his six marriages, which significantly influenced English history. Henry VIII, who is often remembered for his dramatic personal life, made lasting contributions to England.

*There are twenty sentences in this text. There is one defining relative clause in this text.*

*I tried to see what it would do if I told it to give only defining relative clauses.*

**Attempt 6. Anonymous: Please, write me a 15-sentence long text on the life of Henry VIII on a B1-B2 level. The text should only contain sentences with defining relative clauses.**

**ChatGPT**

Henry VIII was the king who ruled England from 1509 to 1547. He was the son who inherited the throne after his brother Arthur died. Henry married Catherine of Aragon, who was a Spanish princess. Catherine, who failed to produce a male heir, was the first wife he divorced. Henry created the Church of England, which allowed him to annul his marriage. He then married Anne Boleyn, who gave birth to Elizabeth I. Anne, who was later executed, was the mother of one of England's greatest queens.

His third wife was Jane Seymour, who gave him a son named Edward. Jane, who died shortly after childbirth, was the only wife who gave him a male heir. His fourth wife was Anne of Cleves, whom he found unattractive. Henry annulled the marriage with Anne, who accepted the decision without protest. Catherine Howard, who was his fifth wife, was executed for adultery. His sixth wife was Catherine Parr, who outlived him and helped reconcile him with his daughters.

Henry, who was a patron of the arts, encouraged cultural development during his reign. He also invested in the navy, which made England a powerful maritime nation. Henry VIII, who ruled for nearly 38 years, left a complex legacy that shaped English history.

*There are sixteen sentences in this text. There are three sentences with defining clauses in this text. However, most of the sentences contain a non-defining clause.*

*In my last attempt, I gave less criteria in the prompt.*

**Attempt 7. Anonymous: Please, write me a 15-sentence long text on the life of Henry VIII with defining relative clauses.**

**ChatGPT**

Henry VIII was the king who ruled England from 1509 to 1547. He was the son who inherited the throne after his brother Arthur died. Henry married Catherine of Aragon, who was a Spanish princess. Catherine, who failed to produce a male heir, was the first wife he divorced. Henry created the Church of England, which allowed him to annul his marriage. He then married Anne Boleyn, who gave birth to Elizabeth I. Anne, who was later executed, was the mother of one of England's greatest queens.

His third wife was Jane Seymour, who gave him a son named Edward. Jane, who died shortly after childbirth, was the only wife who gave him a male heir. His fourth wife was Anne of Cleves, whom he found unattractive. Henry annulled the marriage with Anne, who accepted the decision without protest. Catherine Howard, who was his fifth wife, was executed for adultery. His sixth wife was Catherine Parr, who outlived him and helped reconcile him with his daughters.

Henry, who was a patron of the arts, encouraged cultural development during his reign. He also invested in the navy, which made England a powerful maritime nation. Henry VIII, who ruled for nearly 38 years, left a complex legacy that shaped English history.

*There are sixteen sentences in this text. This text contains three sentences with a defining clause, the rest of the sentences contain a non-defining clause.*

*Before I had drawn a conclusion, I wanted to check what text I would get if the prompt did not contain the words “defining” or “non-defining”, just the words “relative clause”.*

**Attempt 8. Anonymous: Please, write me a 15-sentence long text on the life of Henry VIII with relative clauses.**

**ChatGPT**

Henry VIII, who was born on June 28, 1491, became King of England in 1509. He was the second son of Henry VII, who founded the House of Tudor. Henry, who initially had an older brother named Arthur, became the heir after Arthur died. His first wife was Catherine of Aragon, whom he married in 1509. Catherine, who was a Spanish princess, failed to produce a male heir. This led Henry, who was desperate for a son, to seek a divorce.

The Pope, who had significant authority, refused to grant the divorce. Consequently, Henry created the Church of England, which allowed him to annul his marriage. He then married Anne Boleyn, who gave birth to Elizabeth I. Anne, who was later executed, was the mother of one of England's greatest queens. His third wife was Jane Seymour, who gave him a son named Edward VI. Jane, who died shortly after childbirth, was the only wife who gave him a male heir.

His fourth wife was Anne of Cleves, whom he found unattractive. Henry annulled the marriage with Anne, who accepted the decision without protest. Catherine Howard, who was his fifth wife, was executed for adultery. His sixth wife was Catherine Parr, who outlived him and helped reconcile him with his daughters. Henry VIII, who was a patron of the arts, encouraged cultural development during his reign. He also invested in the navy, which made England a powerful maritime nation. Henry, who ruled for nearly 38 years, left a complex legacy that shaped English history.

*There are eighteen sentences in this text. This text contains one sentence with a defining clause, the rest of the sentences contain a non-defining relative clause.*

**Conclusion**

I have prompted ChatGPT to write me a 15-sentence long text about the life of Henry VIII on a B1-B2 level, which should contain both defining and non-defining clauses.

The number of sentences **never** matched fifteen in the eight attempts. In case the prompt contains the words *“*non-defining” and *“*defining” relative clauses, the text contains sentences with only non-defining relative clauses. If the prompt does not contain the words *“*non-defining”, the text contains sentences with both defining and non-defining relative clauses in varied numbers. In these cases, the majority of the sentences contain a non-defining relative clause, and only a maximum of three sentences contain a defining relative clause (Attempts 5,6,7). In case the prompt does not contain the words *“*non-defining” or “defining”, just the words “relative clause”, the text contains only one sentence with a defining relative clause.

It seems that the number of sentences with a defining relative clause depends on the way ChatGPT is prompted. It seems that the prompts need to be articulated with the least possible words, it should not contain the words *“*non-defining” and it should contain the words “defining” relative clause to get up to three sentences with a defining relative clause (Attempts 6,7). In addition, it can be stated that ChatGPT tends to favour sentences with a non-defining relative clause.

It would be nice to plan new and newer prompts in order to explore which kind of command is good enough to enforce the needed sentences (in both directions: in count and in type).