

Describe It

I've got a **friend** who is **outgoing** and **another** who is **shy**,
one that lives in **Phoenix**, where the **weather** is **dry**,
one who has got a **parrot** that he **keeps** in a **cage**,
and **one** that cleans **floors** for **minimum wage**.

I have a **friend** whose **father** was a **basketball star**
and **another** who is a **lawyer**. She **just** passed the **bar**.

I know a **guy** who drinks **beer** that he **brews** at **home**
and a **woman** that **studies** and **lives** in **Rome**.

This is a **poem** about the **adjective clause**.

Before I continue, **allow** me to **pause**.

Rap is a kind of **music** that **comes** from **New York**.

Cake is a type of **food** that you **eat** with a **fork**.

Some folks eat **pork**, which **comes** from a **pig**,
which is **used** for **livestock**; it **likes** to **dig** in the
ground, which is the **earth** beneath our **feet**,
which we **use** when we **walk** up and **down** the **street**
in the **neighborhoods** and **towns** where we **work** and **play**,
which **each** of us **does** in our **very own way**.

To **say something** to **describe** a **noun**,
you can **simply** put **one** or more **adjectives down**:

A lovely town. An angry frown.

A new, long, black, silk, French nightgown.

An **adjective clause** can **do** the same **thing**.

Singing birds can be birds that sing.

A joke that is funny, an egg that is runny, or

a house that cost you a whole lot of money.

I **know** that **last** one is **super long**, but
a **whole-lot-of-money-costing house** sounds **wrong**.

A **relative pronoun** **makes** it sound **right**.

Who, **which**, **that**, and **whom** to be **polite**.

Whose if it's **something** that is **yours** or **mine**.

Where for **places** and **when** for **time**.

Remember this **rhyme** when you **need** to **review**
adjective clauses and **what** they **do**.

They'll **improve** your **essays** if your **writing** is **weak** and
make you **sound** more **natural** when you **speak**.