The hidden hook: answers and notes

What your child practised: relative clauses with an omitted (left out) relative pronoun, and when it can and can't be left out (Year 5 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

1. The jumper ^ Gran knitted 2. the key ^ you lost
3. The song ^ we sang

Page 2 · Try it together

Can hide: the cake we made, the game Leo invented, the picture you drew.
Must keep: the dog that barked, the bus that was late, the boy that waved.

Page 2 · A. Put back the hook

1. pizza ^ **that/which** we ordered 2. man ^ **who/that** I met
3. letter ^ **that/which** Sam wrote 4. game ^ **that/which** they played

Page 3 · B. Could it be left out?

1. **yes** 2. **no** 3. **yes** 4. **no** 5. **yes** 6. **no**

Page 3 · C. Fix it

1. The girl **who** (or that) won the race is my sister.
2. The cat **which** (or that) lives next door is called Pip.

Page 3 · D. Leave it out

1. The sandwich I made was huge.
2. The book you lent me was brilliant.

Challenge: No. You can only leave it out when someone doing something comes next (the film **we** watched). When a verb comes straight after it, it must stay: "the girl who **won** the race" can't become "the girl won the race".

Watch out for

- **Dropping a needed pronoun** ("the girl won the race is my sister"). Read it aloud: it sounds like two sentences squashed together. Put who back in.
- **Missing the hidden hook.** Your child may not see a relative clause in "the key you lost". Try popping that in: if it fits, there is a relative clause.

Going further (no paper)

- **Say it both ways:** "the cake that we made", "the cake we made". Then try "the dog that barked" without that, and talk about what happens.
- **Hidden hook hunt:** spot phrases like "the toy you wanted" in stories or adverts.
- **In the game:** Chapter 5, Relative clauses as parenthesis, adds commas, brackets and dashes.