Adjective clauses: Grammar

Some adjective clauses require prepositions. Notice that in formal academic writing, we place the preposition at the beginning of the clause:

A foundation is a base on which a structure can be built.

Complete the definitions by inserting the appropriate preposition:

1. Our sun is the celestial body ________ which the planets revolve.

2. Fortified cereal is an example of food ________ which vitamins and minerals have been added.

Other strategies:

1. describe the necessary conditions


Imagine an environment that can listen, watch and learn about its inhabitants, and respond when verbally asked to do something. Several MIT researchers are now working on creating such a place, called a “smart environment.”

2. use an appositive

Alan suffers from Asperger's Syndrome, a condition which is characterized by excessive attention to accuracy and detail combined with an almost complete lack of social skills.
3. **define by contrast:**

*Whereas Art Noveau* designs were modeled after plant forms, *Modernistic* designs took their inspiration from machines.

**In-class: With a partner, define several of these terms.**

- land trust
- due diligence
- Smart Growth
- the rust belt
- gentrification
- rapid prototyping
- urban sprawl
- tensile structures
- monopoly
- gridlock
- strategic alliance
- hedge funds