

Relative Pronouns (who, whose, whom, which, that) introduce relative clauses.

used for people	subject of the verb of the relative clause (can't be omitted)	object of the verb of the relative clause (can be omitted)	possession (can't be omitted)
	who / that <i>She's the teacher who / that came to our school last week.</i>	who / whom / that <i>I saw a friend (who / whom / that) I hadn't seen for years.</i>	whose <i>That's the boy whose brother won the prize.</i>
used for things / animals	which / that <i>This is the house which / that belongs to my friend.</i>	which / that <i>Here's the bag (which / that) you left on my desk.</i>	whose / of which <i>That's the bag whose handle is broken.</i>



- **That** replaces **who** or **which** but is never used after commas or prepositions. That usually follows superlatives and words like something, nothing, anything, all, none, many, few.
*Ann, **who** is very clever, did the puzzle in five minutes. (That can't be used here.)*
*She's the **tallest** girl **that** I've ever seen.*
*There's **something that** you don't know.*
 - **Prepositions in Relative Clauses.** We avoid using prepositions before relative pronouns.
*That's the girl **with** whom I went to the party. (very formal)*
*That's the girl (who/that) I went to the party **with**. (less formal, more usual)*
 - **Who, whom, which, that** can be omitted when there is a noun or a pronoun (I, you, etc.) between the relative pronoun and the verb, that is, when they are the objects of the relative clause.
*Where is the ring (**which/that**) George gave you? (Which/that can be omitted.)*
*The clock (**which/that**) I bought yesterday does not work. (Which/that can be omitted.)*
*A person **who** repairs cars is a mechanic. (Who can't be omitted.)*
- Note:** **Who's** = Who is or Who has **A:** *Who's Charles?* **B:** *He's my brother.*
Whose = possessive *I know a boy **whose** mother is a singer.*

Relative Adverbs (when, where, why)

Time	when (= in/on which)	<i>2003 was the year (when) Peter was born.</i>
Place	where (= in/on/at/to which)	<i>That's the hotel where we stayed.</i>
Reason	why (= for which)	<i>Can you tell me the reason (why) he lied to me?</i>

1. Fill in: **who, whose, which** or **where**.



My school, ¹**which**, is called Samsun Atatürk Anatolian High School has about 800 students. My favourite teacher, ²..... is called Mr Kaya, teaches sport. The sports centre, ³..... I play basketball and tennis, is the largest in the area. I walk to school every day with my friend Hamit, ⁴..... father teaches History.

2. Fill in: **who, whose, why, where, when** or **which**.

Dear Carla and Bruno,
Hi, how are you? The reason ¹**why**.. we haven't written sooner is that we've both been busy settling into our new home. The village ²..... we live is very quiet and Tom goes fishing every Saturday in the river ³..... is just behind of our house! The people here are very friendly. The day ⁴..... we arrived at the village, the couple ⁵..... lives next door had invited us for lunch and the woman ⁶..... house we're renting had put flowers in every room.

I think we're going to like it here.
Love,
Jill and Sam

3. Fill in: why, where, who, whose, which or when.

Dear Wendy,
 We're having a wonderful time here in Florida. Although the day was very hot ¹...*when*... we arrived, now it's cooler. The hotel ²..... we are staying is lovely, and the staff ³..... work here are very helpful. The beach, ⁴..... is right in front of our hotel, is beautiful and the water is so warm! I think that's the reason ⁵..... so many people choose to stay at this hotel. We've also met a nice boy ⁶..... parents own a yacht and tomorrow they're taking us sailing!
 That's all our news. See you soon.
 Love,
 Lucy and Mary

4. Fill in: who's or whose.

- 1 My mother, *whose*. name is Lisa, is a Maths teacher.
- 2 She's the woman married to an actor.
- 3 Mary is the girl brother won the prize.
- 4 Helen is the person car is outside our house.
- 5 Ann's the one a History teacher.
- 6 Tony is the man helping us move the house.
- 7 That's the woman son just graduated from university.
- 8 concert did you go to?

5. Fill in: when, where or why.

- 1 I don't understand the reason*why*..... you spoke to him so rudely.
- 2 1989 was the year my sister was born.
- 3 The street we live is lined with tall elm trees.
- 4 I'll never forget the moment he asked me to marry him.
- 5 The reason he failed the exam is that he didn't prepare for it.
- 6 The day we had the accident was the most stressful of my life.
- 7 The house I used to live has collapsed.
- 8 She'll never forget the moment she graduated.

6. Underline the correct item.

- 1 That's the house where / **which** I grew up.
- 2 That's the woman **who's** / **whose** son won the Gold Medal.
- 3 This is the car **which** / **who** belongs to my father.
- 4 He is the actor **who** / **whom** won the Academy Award.
- 5 The girl **which** / **whom** you met at the party is my sister.
- 6 The reason **which** / **why** I didn't call you was I came home late.
- 7 Tina will always remember the day **when** / **where** she graduated.
- 8 The house **which** / **where** was broken into is my uncle's.
- 9 The hotel **where** / **that** we stayed was near the beach.
- 10 I'll never forget the day **whom** / **when** I got married.
- 11 A butcher is someone **whose** / **who** sells meat.
- 12 The earrings **which** / **who** she gave me were very expensive.
- 13 That's the reason **why** / **which** she left early.
- 14 Jenny is the girl **who** / **which** won the competition.

7. Fill in the appropriate relative pronoun.

- 1 Sally, *whose*... mother works at a bank, is my best friend.
- 2 The book you lent me last week has disappeared.
- 3 Brian, lives next door to me, is going to Japan next week.
- 4 The shop I bought this dress is in King Street.
- 5 The woman house caught fire is in hospital.
- 6 The waiter took our order was very polite.
- 7 The Louvre, is a famous museum, is in Paris.
- 8 Carlo's Restaurant, we have dinner on Sundays, serves excellent food.
- 9 Mr Spencer, you met last night, owns an antique shop.
- 10 The day my son was born was the happiest day of my life.
- 11 The bank is near my house was robbed yesterday.
- 12 Jeremy, lives next door, comes from Scotland.

Defining / Non-defining relative clauses

• A **defining relative clause** gives necessary information and is essential to the meaning of the main sentence. The clause is not put in commas. **Who, which** and **that** can be omitted when they are the object of the relative clause.

*People **who** smoke damage their health.
The book (**which**) my friend wrote is very interesting.*

• A **non-defining relative clause** gives extra information and it is not essential to the meaning of the main sentence. In non-defining relative clauses the relative pronouns cannot be omitted. **That** cannot replace **who** or **which**. The clause is put in commas.

*Mr Brown, **who** lives next door, went to Australia last week.*

8. Fill in the correct relative pronoun or adverb.

- 1 The dog *.that.* they were looking after ran away.
- 2 George, was my boss for six years, has been fired.
- 3 Where are the tools I need to repair fence?
- 4 Paul Stevens, starred in Days, went to school with my brother.
- 5 The pen I left on that table has disappeared.
- 6 The woman repairs our car is very friendly.
- 7 David grew up in Canada speaks French fluently.
- 8 The man car was stolen has gone to the police station.
- 9 Rye my grandmother lives is near the sea.
- 10 Oleg car has broken down is late for work.
- 11 The Coliseum attracts many tourists is in Rome.
- 12 Helen Jones studied at the same university as my sister has moved to Europe.
- 13 Steve is getting married next week will be on holiday for three weeks.
- 14 The car was outside our house yesterday was stolen.
- 15 The clothes she is wearing are too large for her.

9. Fill in the relative pronoun or adverb.

- 1 Mr Green, *...who...* teaches us French, comes from London.
- 2 Have you seen the film Çağan Irmak directed?
- 3 That's the athlete leg was broken during the championship.
- 4 My house I bought last year needs painting.
- 5 The girl spoke to you earlier is my sister.
- 6 Bob is a very good skier is coming on our trip to the Alps.
- 7 The girl I met on the bus looks just like my sister.
- 8 Peter Smith, had an accident, is in hospital.
- 9 The apples grow on these trees are delicious.
- 10 This lemon pie I made yesterday tastes great.
- 11 The film I saw on TV last night was very exciting.
- 12 My friend John, is a doctor, works very long hours.
- 13 John, father is a lawyer, has moved to Paris.
- 14 The sports centre we play tennis is expensive.
- 15 The vase Susan gave me got broken.
- 16 The summer I went to Spain was really hot.
- 17 The car tyres are flat is mine.
- 18 The cafe I first met my husband has closed down now.
- 19 Simon, mother is a vegetarian, doesn't eat meat.
- 20 The bakery is by my house sells wonderful pies.

10. Fill in where or which/that.

- 1 The town *...where...* I was born has changed a lot recently.
- 2 The block of flats he lives in was built in 1980.
- 3 The office block she works in is central Paris.
- 4 The envelope he put the money in was white and blue.
- 5 We drove past the school I used to go to when I lived in that neighbourhood.