

RELATIVE CLAUSES

RULE

EXAMPLE

who / that refer to people

They caught the man **who / that** spied for China.

which / that refer to objects

I lost the map **which / that** she gave me.

whose refers to possession

She complained to the man **whose** dog bit her.

when refers to a moment in time

Christmas Day is a day **when** people are happy.

where refers to a particular place

We visited the house **where** our father was born.

In non-defining sentences, the word **that** cannot replace **who** or **which**.

Mata Hari, **who** was a famous female spy, was born in Holland.
Buckingham Palace, **which** is in London, is a favourite tourist site.

She lives in Worcester, which is a cathedral city.

That's the girl who lives near school.

I don't like the clown that has a bright red nose.

I am cross with the cat, which has pooped in the garden.

Rachel liked the new chair, which was very comfortable.

RELATIVE PRONOUNS



WHO

It is used to refer to people

Example: The man who works at the Post Office is very kind.



WHICH

It is used to refer to animals and objects

Example: Tina has a bunch of flowers which his friend bought.



WHOSE

It is used to refer to possession

Example: Whose is that dictionary?
Have you seen the girl whose father

THAT

It is used to refer to people, animals,

It can replace WHO or WHICH

Example: The blue jacket that she is putting on belongs to her friend.



WHERE

It used to refer to places

The hotel where we slept was excellent

WHEN

It is used to refer to time

That was the day when my sister was born



Relative Pronouns

who



For people. Subject

He is the doctor who cured me.

**Which
that**



For things and animals.

The movie which/that I watched yesterday is perfect!

whom



For people. As object.

The girl to whom you gave the book is my sister.

whose



Possession.

She is the girl whose father is a doctor.

**Who = I
You
He
She
We**

**Which
that
=
it
they**

**Whom = Me
You
Him
Her
It
Us
Them**

**Whose = My
Your
His
Her
Its
Our
Their**



Relative Pronoun Sentence Strips

A button is something

that

closes a jacket.

A park is a place

where

we can have a picnic.

An actor is a person

who

performs in films.

A camera is something

that

takes pictures.

A gym is a place

where

we can play basketball.

Evidence is something

which

helps us solve a mystery.

A teacher is someone

who

helps us learn.

She is the girl

whose

dog we found.

Summer is the time

when

we are on vacation from school.

My winter jacket is the reason

why

I'm sweating.

Relative Pronouns in English



Who	Relates to people (Subject)	The musician who wrote this song is French.
Whom	Relates to people (Object)	I know the boy whom sits next to you.
Which	Relates to animals and objects	This is the cake which Mary made.
Why	Refers to reason	Do you know the reason why the market is closed today?
When	Refers to time	The day when the concert takes place is Saturday.
Where	Refers to places	This is the house where my son was born.
Whose	Refers to possession	The boy whose phone just rang should stand up.
That	Relates to people, animals and things	12th September is the date that I was born.



Relative Pronouns in English

Words

Meaning

Example Sentences

WHO

Relates to people(subject)

*They caught the women **who** spied for North Korea.*

WHERE

Refers to places

*They visited the street **where** they lived there.*

WHY

Refers to reason

*I don't know the reason **why** she doesn't like ice cream.*

WHEN

Refers to time

*Valentine's Day is day **when** people are happy.*

WHICH

Relates to animals and objects

*I lost my wallet **which** my mother gae me.*

WHOSE

Refers to possession

*She is the woman **whose** sister lives in London.*

WHOM

Relates to people(object)

*Michael, **whom** lives in Texas, is an engineer.*

THAT

Relates to people, animals and things

*Austin was the place **that** I graduate from university.*

