

Relative clauses

Defining Relative Clauses



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- A relative pronoun is used to connect two phrases with a noun/pronoun in common. (It glues them together.)
- The woman **who/that** lives next door is a sales manager.
- There are some flights **which/that** have been cancelled.
- This is the stadium **where** Real Madrid plays.



Relative pronouns and adverbs:

We use relative pronouns to connect a relative clause:

- Who → for people
- Which → for animals and things
- Where → for places
- That → for people, things, animals



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Take a look:

- This is the man. The man had a gun.

Two sentences.

- This is the man **who** had a gun.

A relative clause. (one sentence)

Relative pronoun

- To add the relative pronoun to the sentence, we underline the common subject in the two sentences then we delete the full stop and the repeated subject.



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Take a look:

- I haven't seen the laptop. My dad bought it.

Two sentences.

- I haven't seen the laptop **which** my dad bought.

A relative clause. (one sentence)

Relative pronoun

- To add the relative pronoun to the sentence, we underline the common subject in the two sentences then we delete the full stop and the repeated subject or the pronoun that refers to it.

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Take a look:

- This is the school. I study here.

Two sentences.

- This is the school **where** I study.

A relative clause. (one sentence)

Relative pronoun

- To add the relative pronoun to the sentence, we underline the common subject in the two sentences then we delete the full stop and the repeated subject or the pronoun that refers to it.



Let's practice together:

Q1: Please fill in the blanks with the correct defining relative pronoun (who, which, where or that). You can only use that twice.

1-This is the house _____ my friend lives.

2-Farah is my new classmate _____ I told my siblings about.

3-I saw a pretty bag _____ is colored pink and blue.

4-That is the school _____ my mom went to when she was a child.

5-My teacher carries a bag _____ is made of leather.

6-Superman is a superhero _____ has special powers.

7-Apple launched a new phone _____ is purple and shiny.

8-'The Incredibles' is a movie _____ is about a family of superheroes.

9-Mazen is a student _____ goes to school by bus every morning.



Let's practice together:

Q2: Please use the correct defining relative pronoun (who, which or where) to connect the following sentences.



1~That old lady went to the hospital. My mom works at the hospital.

2~Those are the jackets. Hind bought them last week.

3~This is Lucy. She helped the old man cross the road yesterday.

