

Get it right

We say:

- ✓ Marisa is the web designer who used to be a travel agent.
- ✗ Marisa is the web designer who she used to be a travel agent.

WATCH OUT! If the relative pronoun **can be omitted**, write it between brackets ()

9 Use relative clauses to combine the information in these sentences. In which sentences can you omit the relative pronoun?

- 1 My brother runs a catering business. He trained as a chef. (non-defining)
My brother, who trained as a chef, runs a catering business.
- 2 Bristol is the city. Laura has just opened a health club there. (defining)
- 3 James has started several companies. His father was a successful businessman. (non-defining)
- 4 It was eight o'clock in the evening. The last customer left. (defining)
- 5 Steve gave me a lot of advice when I started my business. It was very generous of him. (non-defining)
- 6 Travel guide is a job. I've always wanted to try it. (defining)
- 7 Brighton is a great place to start a business. I was born there. (non-defining)
- 8 Sheryl Sandberg is a businesswoman. I've always admired her. (defining)

This is formal way. The preposition before the pronoun.

1 My brother, who trained as a chef, runs a catering business.

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12 Look at the examples. Then rewrite the other sentences from Exercise 10 in the same way.

- 1 This is the company which I worked for.
This is the company for which I worked.
- 2 I'm looking for a sales assistant who I can rely on.
I'm looking for a sales assistant on whom I can rely.

Verbs with prepositions

10 Complete the sentences with a preposition from the box.

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- 1 This is the company which I worked *for*.
- 2 I'm looking for a sales assistant who I can rely *on*.
- 3 She's the young entrepreneur who I was telling you _____.
- 4 Prague is the city which we would like to move _____.
- 5 It's a product which we are very proud _____.
- 6 It was an investment which the company made a big profit _____.
- 7 He's someone whose advice you should listen _____.
- 8 It's a business conference which anyone can participate _____.
- 9 That's a job which I'd love to apply _____.
- 10 Magda is the market researcher who I discussed the problem _____.

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13 Combine these pairs of sentences. Include the relative pronouns in brackets.

- 1 Tom has just started a new job. He had been unemployed for two years. (who)
- 2 She's a web designer. I was discussing our website with her. (whom)
- 3 This is Silicon Valley. Thousands of technology companies are based here. (where)
- 4 Ellie's office is in the next street. Ellie is a self-employed writer. (whose)
- 5 The restaurant opened for business only six months ago. It has just closed. (which)

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RELATIVE CLAUSES