

## 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.

## 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 about.
- 4 Prague is the city which we would like to move to.
- 5 It's a product which we are very proud of.
- 6 It was an investment which the company made a big profit on.
- 7 He's someone whose advice you should listen to.
- 8 It's a business conference which anyone can participate in.
- 9 That's a job which I'd love to apply for.
- 10 Magda is the market researcher who I discussed the problem with.

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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.*

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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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