

## Relative Pronouns



Listen and repeat. Then act out.



The relative pronouns (**who**, **which**, **whose**, **that**) tell us more about nouns (a specific person or thing) and introduce relative clauses.

The boy **who** is wearing the red T-shirt is my brother. (Which boy?)

The bag **which** is on the desk is Mary's. (Which bag?)

people	objects / animals	possession
who / that	which / that	whose

- We use **who** / **that** to refer to people.

The girl – she is talking on the phone – is Mary.

The girl **who** is talking on the phone is Mary.

- We use **which** / **that** to refer to things or animals.

The car – it is parked outside – is Jack's

The car **which** is parked outside is Jack's.

The dog – it is under the table – is Lucy's.

The dog **which** is under the table is Lucy's.

- We use **whose** with people, animals and things to show that something belongs to somebody.

That's the man – his daughter is a nurse.

That's the man **whose** daughter is a nurse.

- who** / **which** / **that** cannot be omitted when they are the subject of the relative clause, that is when there isn't a noun or a subject pronoun between them and the verb.

I saw a film. It was really exciting.

I saw a film **which** / **that** was really exciting.

- who** / **which** / **that** can be omitted when they are the object of the relative clause, that is when there is a noun or a subject pronoun between them and the verb.

That's the man. Ann met him last week.

That's the man (**who/that**) Ann met last week.

## 1 Match the phrases to make sentences.

- 1 ☐ Is this the car  
 2 ☐ The bracelet  
 3 ☐ I met a girl  
 4 ☐ The article  
 5 ☐ Is he the man  
 6 ☐ That is the restaurant  
 7 ☐ The boy

- a who won the lottery?  
 b which you wrote was very interesting.  
 c who is playing football is my best friend.  
 d which serves Japanese food.  
 e that my mum gave me is beautiful.  
 f who speaks five languages.  
 g which your parents bought you?

2 Match the two columns using the correct *relative pronoun*.

A

- 1 A printer is a machine  
 2 Shakira is a singer  
 3 An armchair is a piece of furniture  
 4 This is Amanda  
 5 A teacher is a person

who  
 which / that  
 whose

B

- a has sung many hit songs.  
 b you sit on.  
 c mother is a famous actress.  
 d teaches children.  
 e prints out documents.

**Note:** **Who's** = short form of **who is**

**Whose** = used with people, animals and things to show possession.

## 3 Underline the correct item.

- 1 She is the girl who's / **whose** the best student in class.  
 2 That's the man who's / **whose** wife is a doctor.  
 3 Is that the boy who's / **whose** family lives next to you?  
 4 Did you meet the man who's / **whose** our new Maths teacher?  
 5 That's the girl who's / **whose** dog chased my cat.

## 4 Choose the correct item.

- 1 This is the dress ..... I bought last week.  
 A who      **B which**      C whose
- 2 The kangaroo is an animal ..... lives in Australia.  
 A who      B whose      C that
- 3 Meryl Streep is the actress ..... played in *Mamma Mia*.  
 A whose      B who      C which
- 4 The girl ..... parents are doctors lives next door to us.  
 A who      B whose      C that
- 5 Katrina is the hurricane .... hit New Orleans.  
 A which      B whose      C who
- 6 Maria is the one ..... is always late for class.  
 A whose      B which      C who