

## 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.

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