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Objective:

- Understand the role of relative pronouns in connecting ideas and providing additional information in sentences.

Explanation: Relative Pronouns

**Relative pronouns** are words that introduce relative clauses in a sentence. These clauses add extra information about a noun in the main clause.

**The most common relative pronouns are 1. who, 2. whom, 3. whose, 4. which, 5. that, 6. where, and 7. when.**

- **Who:** Used for people.

- Example: The girl who is wearing a red dress is my friend.

- **Whom:** Also used for people, especially in formal writing.

- Example: The teacher, whom we admire, is retiring this year.

- **Whose:** Shows possession and is used for both people and things.

- Example: The book, whose cover is torn, belongs to me.

- **Which:** Used for things and animals.

- Example: The cat, which is sleeping on the couch, is very cute.

- **That:** Used for people, things, and animals. Common in everyday speech.

- Example: The car that we bought last month is blue.

- **Where:** Indicates a place.

- Example: This is the park where we had a picnic.

- **When:** Indicates a time.

- Example: The day when we celebrated my birthday was fantastic.

| RELATIVE PRONOUNS |                                        |                                                        |
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| PRONOUNS          | USAGE                                  | Examples                                               |
| WHO               | refers to people (subject)             | He who overcomes his anger subdues his greatest enemy. |
| WHOM              | refers to people (objects of the verb) | She's the woman whom I met in Greece.                  |
| WHOSE             | refers to possessions                  | Whose keys are on the kitchen counter?                 |
| WHICH             | refers to animals and objects.         | That is not good language which all understand not.    |
| THAT              | refers to people, things, and animals  | It's a poor mouse that has only one hole.              |
| WHERE             | refers to places                       | Sign your name on the form where I've put a cross.     |
| WHEN              | refers to time                         | Let's cross the bridge when we come to it.             |
| WHY               | refers to reasons                      | I'd like to know the reason why you're so late.        |
| WHAT              | refers to things                       | Pardon me - I didn't hear what you said.               |

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### Exercises: Fill in the Blanks

1. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ is playing the piano is my cousin.
  2. This is the place \_\_\_\_\_ I lost my favorite toy.
  3. The teacher, \_\_\_\_\_ students love, is very kind.
  4. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ barks loudly belongs to my neighbor.
  5. I found the book \_\_\_\_\_ - \_ cover is blue.
  6. The time \_\_\_\_ we spent at the beach was unforgettable.
  7. The car \_\_\_\_ is parked in front of the house is mine.
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1. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ won the race was very fast.
  2. This is the house \_\_\_\_\_ we used to live.
  3. The scientist \_\_\_\_\_ discovered the new planet received an award.
  4. The flower \_\_\_\_\_ blooms in spring is called a tulip.
  5. My friend, \_\_\_\_\_ I invited to the party, brought a delicious cake.
  6. The movie \_\_\_\_\_ we watched last night was exciting.
  7. The student \_\_\_\_\_ borrowed my pencil forgot to return it.
  8. The day \_\_\_\_\_ we went to the zoo was sunny and warm.
  9. The book \_\_\_\_\_ cover is torn belongs to my sister.
  10. The city \_\_\_\_\_ - \_ I was born is known for its historical landmarks.
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1. The house \_\_\_\_\_ is on the corner belongs to my grandparents.
  2. The day \_\_\_\_\_ we went to the museum was rainy.
  3. The person \_\_\_\_\_ won the award was surprised.
  4. The park \_\_\_\_\_ we had a picnic had beautiful flowers.
  5. The friend \_\_\_\_\_ helped me with my homework is very smart.
  6. The computer \_\_\_\_\_ is on the desk is not working.
  7. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ teaches math is my favorite.
  8. The book \_\_\_\_\_ I want to read is on the shelf.
  9. The movie \_\_\_\_\_ we saw last weekend was funny.
  10. The restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ we had dinner serves delicious food.