

HANDOUT

(Grammar - Relative Pronouns)

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with the suitable pronouns.

1. The new movie is about a boy _____ has lost his parents in a car accident.
2. He is the young man, _____ wife left him for someone else.
3. The DVD recorder _____ I bought at this store a few days ago is not working.
4. That's the book _____ I recommended reading in class.
5. Is this the hotel _____ you are staying for the tournament?
6. My dad, _____ travels a lot on business, is in Australia at the moment.
7. It was midnight _____ the first rescue team arrived at the scene of the accident.
8. There are several reasons _____ I am not allowed to give you any information.
9. We stayed at the famous Rockstar hotel, _____ also had an indoor swimming pool.
10. Did you write back to the person _____ offered you a job?
11. The story is about a young woman _____ 5-year old son suddenly disappears.
12. The tennis court _____ they usually play is currently not available.
13. My sister was born at a time _____ my dad was out of work.
14. Where is the money _____ I gave you yesterday?
15. That's the man _____ I spoke to the other day.
16. Mr. Fields, _____ sister is one of the leading experts in this country, talked about the dangers of the virus.
17. He didn't tell us _____ he made such an irresponsible decision.
18. The present _____ I got from my boyfriend was really fantastic.
19. I have to buy a present for my mother, _____ birthday is next week.
20. The youth hostel _____ we stayed last week was really big.

Exercise 2: Combine the TWO sentences to ONE, using a relative pronoun.

1. That is the man. I spoke to him the other day.

2. They elected a new mayor. His aim is to help the poor.

3. I really like the car. I bought it last year.

4. Mr Black took over the company. His wife died last year.

5. The restaurant is the best in town. We usually eat there.

6. The film is about a woman. Her son mysteriously disappears.

7. That is the place. I grew up there.

8. I met a woman. Her husband is a famous producer.

9. The man was arrested yesterday. He escaped from prison a week ago.

10. The bag is heavy. It contains a lot of presents.

11. The Marybelle Hotel is opening up again. I stayed there a few years ago.

12. My friend's father gave us the tickets. He owns a travel agency.

13. Mr Honeywell is a good teacher. Everyone likes him.

14. The exercise was very complicated. Nobody could do it.

15. That's the producer. His films are always a great success.

Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with suitable pronouns.

1. Is he the person _____ lives with you?

2. The man, _____ wife is a famous violinist, can play the piano himself.

3. The Johnson family, _____ son moved to the U.K., lives in Canada.

4. The man called his wife, _____ picked up the phone.

5. Can you tell me about the policeman, _____ you spoke with this morning?

6. The bad weather is the reason _____ I didn't come to practice yesterday.

7. Food _____ is imported from other countries is often more expensive than local food.
8. I know a great restaurant _____ we can get good food.
9. The policeman talked to the children _____ mothers were waiting outside.
10. I helped the old lady _____ books fell on the floor.
11. Do you know _____ there are no elephants in South America?
12. My parents remember the time _____ there was no internet.
13. The cake _____ my mother made tasted really great.
14. The fireman rescued the girl _____ was trapped on the third floor.
15. The woman _____ dog barks all the time lives together with her daughter.
16. I often visit my grandparents, _____ live a few blocks down the street.
17. Avatar, _____ we saw a few days ago, won several Oscars.
18. My dad knows a man _____ brother works in the White House.
19. I visited one of my uncles, _____ lives on the other side of town.
20. The office is a place _____ I can do my work without being disturbed.
21. Give this medicine to the parents _____ child is ill.
22. Most of the people _____ she met were asylum seekers.
23. My classmate, _____ studied hard for the test, failed.
24. There is the cafeteria _____ we can have lunch.
25. The man _____ sold me the car is my neighbour.

Exercise 4: Reduce the relative clauses in the following sentences.

1. The artist who is painting the mural has a great reputation.
2. The buildings that were designed by the architect are famous landmarks.
3. The bus that stops here goes to the city centre.
4. The cake that was baked by the chef won an award.
5. The chair that is in the corner is my favourite.

6. The children who are playing in the park seem joyful.
7. The documents that are on the desk need to be signed.
8. The man who is reading a book in the café is my professor.
9. The movie that starts at 8 p.m. is highly recommended.
10. The people who are at the event are influential leaders.
11. The report that was prepared by the committee was thorough.
12. The woman who writes articles for the newspaper is a journalist.