



7.2 Relative Pronoun as Subject

The relative pronouns *who*, *that*, and *which* can be the subject of the adjective clause.

Subject

I want to sell an old toy. *The toy* is in my closet.

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I want to sell an old toy **that** **which** is in my closet.

The person.....lives in another state.

Subject

The person bought the toy.

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The person **who** **that** bought the toy lives in another state.

Language Notes:

1. Use the relative pronouns *who* and *that* for people. Use the relative pronouns *that* and *which* for things.
2. A present-tense verb in the adjective clause must agree in number with its subject.
*People who **buy** things online like the convenience.*
*A person who **buys** things online likes the convenience.*

EXERCISE 3 Fill in the blanks with *who* or *that* + the correct form of the verb, using the tense given to complete the adjective clauses.

1. I have a friend who buys all her books online.
present: buy
2. People _____ books online can write reviews and give a book 1-5 stars.
present: buy
3. A person _____ the reviews can be influenced by the opinions of others.
present: read
4. There are many neighborhood bookstores _____ business and had to close because of online competition.
past: lose
5. There are people _____ successful businesses on the Internet.
present perfect: create
6. Omidyar and Bezos are two people _____ the potential of the Internet.
past: understand
7. Jeff Bezos is lucky to have parents _____ in his idea.
past: believe
8. Friendster and MySpace were two Internet companies _____ successful and then failed.
past: become
9. When you buy something online, you often see this: "People _____ this product also bought...."
past: buy
10. You are encouraged to buy products _____ similar to your purchase.
present: be
11. Pierre Omidyar gives a lot of his money to organizations _____ people in need.
present: help

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men"

Colossians 3: 23