

## RELATIVE CLAUSES

Relative pronouns in English are **who**, **which**, **whose** and **that**. **Whom** is also sometimes used, but very formal.

Relative pronouns introduce a relative clause. They link two main clauses:

I dated a girl. She lives next door.  
 I dated a girl **who** lives next door.  
 I dated a girl **that** lives next door.

This is my new laptop. I bought it two days ago.  
 This is my new laptop **which** I bought two days ago.  
 This is my new laptop **that** I bought two days ago.

I was invited by Peter. I met him last Monday.  
 I was invited by Peter **whom** I met last Monday.  
 I was invited by Peter **who** I met last Monday.

I have a friend. His brother is a mechanic.  
 I have a friend **whose** brother is a mechanic.

**Whose** bike is it? It's Susan's.

We use:

**Who** – when we talk about people  
**Which** – when we talk about things or animals  
**Whose** – when we talk about possessions.  
**That** – when we talk about people, things or animals  
**Whom** – when we talk about people (object) – very formal

Further information:

There are also non-defining relative clauses. We use them to give extra information about the person or thing that is not important. We use **commas** in non-defining relative clauses, but we **don't use that**.

Sarah, **who** I met yesterday, worked at my father's company.  
 Do you know that woman, **who** is standing at the corner?  
 My motorbike, **which** is very old, broke down last weekend.

The relative pronoun can be left out when the pronoun refers to the object of a sentence.

This is the watch her parents bought her for her birthday.  
 The girls we met yesterday are very smart.

## RELATIVE PRONOUNS 1

Complete the sentences with **who**, **whose** or **which**.

1. The man \_\_\_\_\_ spoke is my father.
  2. The car \_\_\_\_\_ he bought last Thursday was very cheap.
  3. Tom, \_\_\_\_\_ is my brother won the match.
  4. The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ we gave the tip was very pleased.
  5. That's the man \_\_\_\_\_ house was destroyed by a tornado.
  6. The man over there \_\_\_\_\_ face is dirty saved the child.
  7. The chair on \_\_\_\_\_ I was sitting broke down.
  8. The pupils \_\_\_\_\_ he was speaking to were very noisy.
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ are you talking to?
  10. The crowd \_\_\_\_\_ was very angry began to shout.
  11. The man \_\_\_\_\_ you saw yesterday is my uncle.
  12. The cupboard \_\_\_\_\_ we bought last Saturday was expensive.
  13. This is the bike \_\_\_\_\_ I told you about last Sunday.
  14. My friend \_\_\_\_\_ I have been waiting for two hours hasn't returned.
  15. Thank you for the present \_\_\_\_\_ you sent me.
  16. Do you talk about the girl \_\_\_\_\_ brother is my friend?
  17. I sent an email to my sister \_\_\_\_\_ lives in Norway.
  18. This test is for students \_\_\_\_\_ native language is not English.
  19. Is there a shop nearby \_\_\_\_\_ sells fruit?
  20. The man \_\_\_\_\_ lost his key is waiting in the office.
  21. They want to buy a car \_\_\_\_\_ is cheaper.
  22. The Euro is the currency \_\_\_\_\_ is used in a lot of European countries.
  23. This is the man \_\_\_\_\_ sold me the watch.
  24. There's a picture of the fire \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed their house.
  25. The laptop \_\_\_\_\_ I bought last month doesn't work anymore.
  26. This is Mr Miller \_\_\_\_\_ works for our company.
  27. I called my friend \_\_\_\_\_ lives nearby.
  28. I have a problem \_\_\_\_\_ worries me.
  29. That's the player \_\_\_\_\_ career was ruined by health problems.
  30. Do you know someone \_\_\_\_\_ speaks Italian?
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