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Grammar

Relative Pronouns

A Read the sentences below and underline the pronouns. The first one is done for you.

- This is the guide. He showed us the forest.
- This is the guide who showed us the forest.
- This is the guide that showed us the forest.
- This is the giant tortoise. It lives in the Galapagos Islands.
- This is the giant tortoise which lives in the Galapagos Islands.
- This is the giant tortoise that lives in the Galapagos Islands.

B Look at the pronouns that you underlined in A and answer the questions.

- Which of the pronouns are personal pronouns?
- Which are relative pronouns?
- Which two relative pronouns can we use when we are talking about a person?
- Which two relative pronouns can we use when we are talking about a thing / an animal?

C Complete the rule.

In a relative clause, a relative pronoun replaces a _____ pronoun. When the relative pronoun is the subject of the verb in the relative clause, we use _____ or that to talk about people and _____ or that to talk about things.

G Cross out the pronouns that are incorrect or unnecessary.

- These are the photos that we took on holiday.
- We want a hotel which it is near the beach.
- This photo shows the friends who we met on holiday.
- The tourist who he lost his passport was upset.
- The room that it has a balcony is ours.
- The person that they took my suitcase thought it was theirs.

I Imagine you've just had a holiday in Spain. Take turns to tell your partner about the holiday by finishing sentences 1–4. Use relative pronouns where necessary.

- This is the tram ...
- This is the villa ...
- That's the meal ...
- That's the man ...

D Underline the pronouns in these sentences.

- a This is the guide. We met him on holiday.
- b This is the guide who we met on holiday.
- c This is the guide that we met on holiday.
- d This is the guide we met on holiday.

- a This is the giant tortoise. I saw it on holiday.
- b This is the giant tortoise which I saw on holiday.
- c This is the giant tortoise that I saw on holiday.
- d This is the giant tortoise I saw on holiday.

E Look at the pronouns that you underlined in D and answer the questions.

- Are the pronouns the subject or the object of the past simple verbs *met* and *saw*?
- In which sentences could you replace the relative pronoun with *whom*?
- In which sentences are there no pronouns?

F Complete the rule.

When the relative pronoun refers to the _____ of the relative clause, we use *whom*, *who* or *that* to refer to people and _____ or *that* to refer to things. We can also leave out relative pronouns when they are the _____ of the verb.

Be careful

A relative pronoun replaces another pronoun. You can't say: 'This is the guide who he showed us the forest', as *who* and *he* refer to the same person.

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H Complete the sentences with relative pronouns where necessary.

- This is a rare bird _____ lives in the forest.
- The plane _____ we caught stopped in Dubai.
- That's the taxi driver _____ drove us to the airport.
- Max and Brad are the boys _____ we met on the train.
- Is this the suitcase _____ you lost?
- This website is useful for people _____ travel a lot.



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Listening

A Look carefully at the pictures. What can you see in each picture?



B Work with a partner and talk about each set of three photos. What are the similarities / differences between the three photos in each set?

C Now listen and circle the correct picture, A, B or C.

- 1 Where are they going to stay?
- 2 What is the weather like today?
- 3 What do they buy in the shop?

D Read the Exam Close-up. Then read the Exam Task below and study the pictures carefully. Where do you think the conversations might take place?

E Now complete the Exam Task.

Exam Close-up

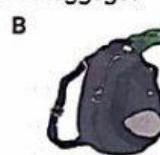
Getting ready to listen

- Study the pictures carefully to identify differences and similarities.
- Decide where the conversation might happen.
- Remember that conversations are usually predictable and talk about common situations.
- The conversations are between two people, usually a male and female, so it's easy to follow who says what.

Exam Task

You will hear five short conversations. You will hear each conversation twice. There is one question for each conversation. For each question, choose the right answer (A, B or C).

1 Which is the woman's luggage?



2 What time will their flight leave?



3 Which country are they visiting?



4 What activity are they doing this morning?



5 Which person is the tour guide?



F Now listen again and check your answers.