

Relative Pronouns



48 Listen and repeat. Then act out.



- The relative pronouns (**who**, **which**, **whose**, **that**) tell us more about nouns (a specific person or thing) and introduce relative clauses.

The boy **who** is wearing the red T-shirt is my brother. (Which boy?)

The bag **which** is on the desk is Mary's. (Which bag?)

people	objects / animals	possession
who / that	which / that	whose

- We use **who** / **that** to refer to people.

The girl – she is talking on the phone – is Mary.



The girl **who** is talking on the phone is Mary.

- We use **which** / **that** to refer to things or animals.

The car – it is parked outside – is Jack's



The car **which** is parked outside is Jack's.

The dog – it is under the table – is Lucy's.



The dog **which** is under the table is Lucy's.

- We use **whose** with people, animals and things to show that something belongs to somebody.

That's the man – his daughter is a nurse.



That's the man **whose** daughter is a nurse.

- who** / **which** / **that** cannot be omitted when they are the subject of the relative clause, that is when there isn't a noun or a subject pronoun between them and the verb.

I saw a film. It was really exciting.



I saw a film **which** / **that** was really exciting.

- who** / **which** / **that** can be omitted when they are the object of the relative clause, that is when there is a noun or a subject pronoun between them and the verb.

That's the man. Ann met him last week.



That's the man **(who/that)** Ann met last week.

1 Match the phrases to make sentences.

1 Is this the car
 2 The bracelet
 3 I met a girl
 4 The article
 5 Is he the man
 6 That is the restaurant
 7 The boy

a who won the lottery?
 b which you wrote was very interesting.
 c who is playing football is my best friend.
 d which serves Japanese food.
 e that my mum gave me is beautiful.
 f who speaks five languages.
 g which your parents bought you?

2 Match the two columns using the correct relative pronoun.

A

1 A printer is a machine
 2 Shakira is a singer
 3 An armchair is a piece of furniture
 4 This is Amanda
 5 A teacher is a person

who
 which / that
 whose

B

a has sung many hit songs.
 b you sit on.
 c mother is a famous actress.
 d teaches children.
 e prints out documents.

Note: **Who's** = short form of **who is**
Whose = used with people, animals and things to show possession.

3 Underline the correct item.

1 She is the girl who's / whose the best student in class.
 2 That's the man who's / whose wife is a doctor.
 3 Is that the boy who's / whose family lives next to you?
 4 Did you meet the man who's / whose our new Maths teacher?
 5 That's the girl who's / whose dog chased my cat.

4 Choose the correct item.

1 This is the dress I bought last week. A who B which C whose	4 The girl parents are doctors lives next door to us. A who B whose C that
2 The kangaroo is an animal lives in Australia. A who B whose C that	5 Katrina is the hurricane hit New Orleans. A which B whose C who
3 Meryl Streep is the actress played in <i>Mamma Mia</i> . A whose B who C which	6 Maria is the one is always late for class. A whose B which C who

5 Read the letter and write the missing words. Write one word on each line.

Dear Annie,

I'm so glad you're coming to Berlin next week! 1) We are going to have the time of 2) lives!

Hey, listen! I know you're crazy about musicals, so I 3) tickets for the *Wizard of Oz*. Isn't that great? It's a musical 4) everyone loves. It tells the story of a girl named Dorothy 5) life changes when a storm takes her to a magical land which is called Oz. There she meets three characters 6) take her to the *Wizard of Oz*. The *Wizard of Oz* is a strange creature who promises to make all their wishes come true if they bring 7) the broomstick of the Wicked Witch. Dorothy's wish is to return home to Kansas. I'm sure you'll love 8) ! I can't wait to see you!

Love,

Carrie



COMPETITION

In teams, look at your set of words. Make as many sentences as you can about each word in your set using *relative pronouns*. Each correct sentence gets one point. The team with the most points at the end wins the game.

Team A

cat	artist	
coat	fork	pizza
farmer	singer	car

Team B

bear	teacher	
burger	scarf	spoon
doctor	mechanic	plane

Team A: • A cat is an animal which / that sleeps a lot during the day
• A cat is an animal which / that can jump very high.

Teacher: Correct! You get 2 points.

6 Complete the sentences about yourself using *who* or *which/that*.

- I really like reading books *which* are about science....
- My best friend is someone
- I enjoy doing sports
- I like people
- I love buying clothes

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7 Fill in the gaps with the correct *relative pronoun*. Write **S** for subject or **O** for object. Then write if the relative pronouns can be omitted or not.

- That's the blouse *which / I / that* I bought last week. *O. (omitted)*
- My best friend is a person loves reading.
- The dog bit me lives next door.
- Is this the dress you borrowed from your sister?
- Do you know the name of the person discovered America?
- The documentary I saw last night was about nature.



Speaking Activity

Look at the student's project. Use the prompts below and, in pairs, ask and answer questions as in the example. Use **who**, **whose** or **which/that**.

Charlie Chaplin /
actor / play / the
part of / Tramp
character

firefighter / be
someone / job /
very /
dangerous

the Great Sphinx /
be / statue / Egyptians
/ build / thousands / of
years ago

Neil Armstrong /
be / astronaut /
become / first
man / in / space

Scrabble / be /
board game /
Alfred Butts /
invented

Student A: Who was Charlie Chaplin?

Student B: He was the actor who played the part of the Tramp character, etc.



Writing Activity

Using the ideas in the Speaking Activity as a model, do a project about famous actors, occupations, animals and objects. Use **which / that**, **who** and **whose**.



- A giraffe is an animal whose neck is very long, etc.