

Relative Pronouns

WHO - para referirnos a personas

WHICH - para referirnos a objetos

WHOM - para referirnos a personas (más formal)

y siempre que hablemos de persona y tengamos una preposición ante el relativo (*to whom*).

WHOSE - para indicar posesión

WHERE - para referirnos a un lugar

WHEN - para referirnos a un momento

WHY - para indicar una razón

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Defining Clauses

- Aportan información esencial para entender de quién o de qué estamos hablando.

The boy **who** lives next door is a tennis player.

- En este tipo de relative clauses **which** y **who** pueden sustituirse por **that**.

The book **which/that** you are reading is amazing.

- En ocasiones podemos omitir los pronombres relativos **who**, **which**, **that**, **when**, **why**. Debemos fijarnos si detrás tenemos otro sujeto y si es así podemos omitirlo.

The exercise **(which)** the teacher corrected was really hard.
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Non-defining Clauses

- Aportan información extra no esencial para entender a quién o a qué nos referimos
- Van entre comas
- **NUNCA** usaremos **that** en este tipo de relative clauses
- **NO** podemos omitir el pronombre relativo

María, **who** won a medal last year, is going to take part in the marathon.

The new film, **which** will be released in May, revolves around the adventures of a group of teenagers.

My boss, **whose** wife owns three restaurants, is a hard-working person.

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with a relative pronoun. Draw an **X** next to the sentence if the relative pronoun can be omitted.

1. This bike, I bought last month, cannot be fixed.
2. The neighbour works for my dad is very noisy at night.
3. That's the woman son lives in Brooklyn.
4. The art gallery, you can admire the early works of Van Gogh, is located in the city centre.
5. The flowers she gave me have bright colors.
6. I know the village the film was shot.
7. She shouted at me and that's the reason I am quitting the job.
8. Tania, first job was as a receptionist, runs a small café in town now.
9. I have a classmate failed 5 subjects last term.
10. I'll never forget the day I met your father.

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences with a relative pronoun.

1- Thomas Edison died in 1931. His inventions changed the world.

2- Carla is studying medicine now. She was my classmate last year.

3- The cottage is being renovated. We spent New Year's Eve there.

4- My uncle has a brand new car. It cost him a fortune.

5- My laptop stopped working last night. I have been using it for 5 years.