

Grammar | defining relative clauses

3 a Complete the extracts from the review with the words in the box.

that when where which who whose

- 1 In 1968 a young Frenchman, Philippe Petit, saw a picture in a newspaper _____ would change his life.
- 2 *Man on Wire* is the gripping story of a man _____ made his dream happen.
- 3 The film starts on Tuesday August 7th 1974, the day _____ Petit finally achieved his goal.
- 4 There were hundreds of unforeseen difficulties; not least how to get the wire from the tower _____ they stood, across to the other tower.
- 5 The whole thing is shown using photos _____ were taken at the time.
- 6 The policemen _____ job it was to arrest Petit, could only stand and watch while he smiled and laughed.

b Complete the Active grammar box with the relative pronouns in the box in exercise 3a.

Active grammar

Man on Wire is the gripping story of a man who made his dream happen.

'who made his dream happen' is an example of a defining relative clause; it defines exactly who or what we are talking about. This is essential information about a person, a place or a thing.

We use that or _____ for people.

We use _____ or _____ for things or animals.

We use _____ for places.

We use _____ for possessions.

We use _____ for time.

In spoken English we often use *that* instead of *who* or *which*.

The actress that stars in that film has beautiful eyes ...

We can leave out the pronouns *who*, *which* or *that* if they are the object of the relative clause.

The director was able to use film (which) Petit took in the 70s.

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4 Add *who*, *which* or *where* to each sentence.

- 1 That's the studio the last Bond film was made.
- 2 Goldeneye is the name of the house Ian Fleming wrote the original stories.
- 3 *Dr No* is the first Bond book was made into a film.
- 4 George Lazenby is the man only played Bond once.
- 5 Daniel Craig is another actor took the role.
- 6 Derby County is the football team Bond actor Timothy Dalton supports.

5 Rewrite the sentences using a relative pronoun. Make any necessary changes.

Daniel Radcliffe stars in the Harry Potter films.

Daniel Radcliffe is the actor who stars in the Harry Potter films.

- 1 The first Harry Potter film was made in 2001. 2001 is the year ...
- 2 Joanne Rowling's books were turned into the Harry Potter films. Joanne Rowling is the author ...
- 3 Most of the outdoor scenes were filmed in Scotland. Scotland is the country ...
- 4 Warner Brothers produced the films. Warner Brothers is the company ...
- 5 Richard Harris and Michael Gambon have taken the role of Dumbledore. Richard Harris and Michael Gambon are the actors ...
- 6 The first three films made \$1.3 billion. \$1.3 billion is the amount of money ...



Speaking

6 Work in pairs. Tell your partner about a film you have seen. Describe ...

- the type of film.
- the main characters.
- what happens in the film.
- some scenes you remember.