

Relative Pronouns



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
- 2 The kangaroo is an animal lives in Australia.
 A who B whose C that
- 3 Meryl Streep is the actress played in *Mamma Mia*.
 A whose B who C which
- 4 The girl parents are doctors lives next door to us.
 A who B whose C that
- 5 Katrina is the hurricane hit New Orleans.
 A which B whose C who
- 6 Maria is the one is always late for class.
 A whose B which C who