

Subject and object relative clauses

Subject = doer of the action (Example: **The kid** goes to school early. / **The car** works well.) The subject goes before the verb (I work, **they** study, **Sarah** exercises, etc.)

Object = receiver of the action (Example: The kid reads **a book** a month. / I bought **chocolates**.) The object goes after the verb (turn on **the TV**, change **the shoes**, impress **your boss**, cook **dinner**, etc.)

Read the following sentences and answer the questions.

I saw a man. The man was wearing a blue shirt.

1. What information is repeated in both sentences? _____.
2. What's the best word to refer to that? _____.
3. How would you combine these two sentences to make only one?
_____.

Analysis

Look at the following examples and underline the word that replaces the **subject**.

1. The book that you recommended was very interesting.
2. The park which has a beautiful lake is my favorite place for a walk.
3. She is the woman who works at the bank.

The previous sentences are examples of subject relative clauses. The relative clause gives extra information about the subject of the sentence.

Look at the following examples and underline the word that replaces the **object**.

1. She is the woman who I met at the party last night.
2. The movie that I watched last weekend was fantastic.
3. The city which we visited last year has many historical landmarks.

The previous sentences are examples of object relative clauses. The relative clause gives extra information about the object of the sentence.

Practice

Combine these sentences using a subject relative clause. Use the relative pronouns which or who.

1. The woman is my best friend. She lives next door.

2. The city has many parks. It is located in the north.

3. The dog is friendly. It belongs to my neighbor.

Combine these sentences using an object relative clause. Use the relative pronouns which or who.

1. I visited a city. The city had many parks.

2. He bought a car. The car is very fast.

3. We ate at a restaurant. The restaurant was recommended by our friends.
