



RELATIVE PRONOUNS

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Look at the chart below. Match the relative pronouns with their function.

That	used when referring to person or an animate noun.
Why	used when referring to an inanimate noun.
Whose	used as a possessive.
Who	used for time.
What	used for places.
Which	used for reasons.
When	for concepts, like in subjects or objects of the sentences.
Where	used in informal English instead of who/whom/which.



DON'T FORGET

A relative pronoun links two clauses, which have the same noun or pronoun in them, into a single complex clause.

A) DEFINING CLAUSES

- They give information to understand the sentence.
- There are no commas in them.

Now, let's combine these two sentences:

I've got a friend.

His brother is a fashion designer.

I have a friend whose brother is a fashion designer.

B) NON DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

- They give extra information.
- You don't need them to understand the sentence.
- They are separated by commas from the rest of the sentence.

Now, let's combine these two sentences:

John moved to Spain.

He was born in Australia.

Tom, who was born in Australia, moved to Spain.

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Read the conversation below. circle the right option.

Karen: Jack! How was the trip?

Jacky: I am very exhausted. You know, I was annoyed at the man who / which sat next to me on the plane that / whose I took back home. He talked to me all the trip long.

Karen: Oh, really? What did he talk about?

Jacky: Actually, it was unbelievable. He was talking about my friend, Grace, who / why used to be her girlfriend. But she left him when / that she found out he was cheating on her.

Karen: Oh! What a small world.

Jacky: Yeah! I know.

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Join two sentences into one by adding WHO, WHICH, and WHERE.

E.g. The girl is eating. She is wearing glasses.
The girl, who is wearing glasses, is eating.

1) I saw the girl. The girl won the race.

2) Ely didn't receive the e-mail. I sent an email to Ely.

3) Jenny broke the cup. It was very expensive.

4) The man is from Canada. He is wearing jeans.

5) I found the pen. I lost it yesterday.

6) These are the friends. I met them in Denmark.

7) That's the neighbor. He helped me when I moved in.

8) That's the shop. I bought my TV in that shop.