

RELATIVE CLAUSES

Relative pronouns in English are **who**, **which**, **whose** and **that**. **Whom** is also sometimes used, but very formal.

Relative pronouns introduce a relative clause. They link two main clauses:

I dated a girl. She lives next door.
 I dated a girl **who** lives next door.
 I dated a girl **that** lives next door.

This is my new laptop. I bought it two days ago.
 This is my new laptop **which** I bought two days ago.
 This is my new laptop **that** I bought two days ago.

I was invited by Peter. I met him last Monday.
 I was invited by Peter **whom** I met last Monday.
 I was invited by Peter **who** I met last Monday.

I have a friend. His brother is a mechanic.
 I have a friend **whose** brother is a mechanic.

Whose bike is it? It's Susan's.

We use:

Who – when we talk about people
Which – when we talk about things or animals
Whose – when we talk about possessions.
That – when we talk about people, things or animals
Whom – when we talk about people (object) – very formal

Further information:

There are also non-defining relative clauses. We use them to give extra information about the person or thing that is not important. We use **commas** in non-defining relative clauses, but we **don't use that**.

Sarah, **who** I met yesterday, worked at my father's company.
 Do you know that woman, **who** is standing at the corner?
 My motorbike, **which** is very old, broke down last weekend.

The relative pronoun can be left out when the pronoun refers to the object of a sentence.

This is the watch her parents bought her for her birthday.
 The girls we met yesterday are very smart.

RELATIVE PRONOUNS 1

Complete the sentences with **who**, **whose** or **which**.

1. The man _____ spoke is my father.
 2. The car _____ he bought last Thursday was very cheap.
 3. Tom, _____ is my brother won the match.
 4. The waiter _____ we gave the tip was very pleased.
 5. That's the man _____ house was destroyed by a tornado.
 6. The man over there _____ face is dirty saved the child.
 7. The chair on _____ I was sitting broke down.
 8. The pupils _____ he was speaking to were very noisy.
 9. _____ are you talking to?
 10. The crowd _____ was very angry began to shout.
 11. The man _____ you saw yesterday is my uncle.
 12. The cupboard _____ we bought last Saturday was expensive.
 13. This is the bike _____ I told you about last Sunday.
 14. My friend _____ I have been waiting for two hours hasn't returned.
 15. Thank you for the present _____ you sent me.
 16. Do you talk about the girl _____ brother is my friend?
 17. I sent an email to my sister _____ lives in Norway.
 18. This test is for students _____ native language is not English.
 19. Is there a shop nearby _____ sells fruit?
 20. The man _____ lost his key is waiting in the office.
 21. They want to buy a car _____ is cheaper.
 22. The Euro is the currency _____ is used in a lot of European countries.
 23. This is the man _____ sold me the watch.
 24. There's a picture of the fire _____ destroyed their house.
 25. The laptop _____ I bought last month doesn't work anymore.
 26. This is Mr Miller _____ works for our company.
 27. I called my friend _____ lives nearby.
 28. I have a problem _____ worries me.
 29. That's the player _____ career was ruined by health problems.
 30. Do you know someone _____ speaks Italian?
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