

EXERCISES

1. Underline the correct word in each sentence.

1. An old man, who/which was carrying a suitcase, knocked at the door.
2. The winner, which/whose bike was an unusual design, won a medal.
3. The girl who/which spoke to me turned out to be in my class.
4. The museum, which/whose was in a beautiful building, was closed.
5. A policewoman that/which we asked told us how to get there.
6. I The boy whose/whom house I was staying at was an old friend.
7. The last person which/whose pen I borrowed didn't get it back.
8. My friend Jack, that/who/whose parents live in Glasgow, invited me to spend Christmas in Scotland.
9. Here's the computer program that/whom/whose I told you about.
10. I don't believe the story that/who/whom she told us.
11. Peter comes from Witney, that/who/which is near Oxford.
12. This is the gun with that/whom/which the murder was committed.
13. Have you received the parcel whom/whose/which we sent you?
14. Is this the person who/which/whose you asked me about?
15. That's the girl that/who/whose brother sits next to me at school.
16. The meal, that/which/whose wasn't very tasty, was quite expensive.
17. We didn't enjoy the play that/who/whose we went to see.

2. Put a suitable relative pronoun in each space, or leave the space blank where possible.

1. The friend....Whose.....house I stayed in is coming to stay with us.
2. The guidebook.....we bought explained everything.
3. The couple.....house I bought both worked in my office.
4. I'd like you to tell me.....you were talking to.
5. The girl.....ruler I had borrowed wanted, it back.
6. I can't remember.....I lent my bike to.
7. Do you knowCatherine works for?
8. My bike..... I had left at the gate, had disappeared.
9. The shoes.....I bought were the ones.....I tried on first.
10. The bag in.....the robbers put the money was found later.
11. The medicine.....the doctor gave me had no effect at all.
12. Peter,.....couldn't see the screen, decided to change his seat.
13. I really liked that tea.....you made me this morning.

14. What was the name of your friend.....tent we borrowed?
15. The flight.....Joe was leaving on was cancelled.
16. This is the kind of language.....is used by deaf and dumb people.
17. "Dumb" is the word used in English for someone.....is unable to speak
18. The chimpanzee,.....name was Washoe, learned about 160 signs.
19. My father,.....is a doctor, is fifty years old now..
20. Another person.....work has become well known is Roger Fouts.

3. Underline any relative pronouns that can be left out in these sentences.

1. I think that my boss is the person who I admire most.
2. Harry, who was tired, went to bed very early.
3. We're taking the train that leaves at 6.00.
4. Have you seen the book that I left here on the desk?
5. The film which we liked most was the French one.
6. My radio, which isn't very old, has suddenly stopped working.
7. The clothes which you left behind are at the reception desk.
8. The couple who met me at the station took me out to dinner.
9. Last week I ran into an old friend who I hadn't seen for ages.
10. Don't cook the meat that I put in the freezer - it's for the dog.

4. Replace the relative pronouns in *italics* with *that*, where possible.

1. This is the magazine *which* I told you about.
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2. John's flat, *which* is in the same block as mine, is much larger.
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3. The girl *whose* bag I offered to carry turned out to be an old friend.
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4. The policeman *who* arrested her had recognised her car.
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5. I work with someone *who* knows you.
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6. We don't sell goods *which* have been damaged.
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7. Brighton, *which* is on the south coast, is a popular holiday resort.
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8. I don't know anyone *whose* clothes would fit you.
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9. There's a cafe near here *which* serves very good meals.

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10. People *who* park outside get given parking tickets.

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5. Combine the following pairs of sentences by means of relative pronouns

1. You sent me a present. Thank you very much for it. (Thank you very much for...)
2. She was dancing with a student. He had a slight limp.
3. Romeo and Juliet were lovers. Their parents hated each other.
4. This is Mrs Jones. Her son won the championship last year.
5. The man was sitting at the desk. I had come to see this man.
6. His girlfriend turned out to be an enemy spy. He trusted her absolutely.
7. The car crashed into a queue of people. Four of them were killed.
8. The roads were crowded with refugees. Many of them were wounded.
9. He wanted to come at 2 a.m. This didn't suit me at all.
10. They gave me four very bad tires. One of them burst before I had driven four miles.
11. Who lives in the house? It has a white door.
12. We visited a patient. His eyesight had been restored by the surgeon.
13. The girls should go to the main office. Their names begin with the letters A-K.
14. The countries will not be helped. They have very large debts.
15. The people will be compensated. Their houses were damaged by the bomb.
16. The shop will make a big profit. Its turnover is the largest.
17. The player changed their shirts at half-time. Their shirts were dirty.
18. Those people should go on strike. They are ill treated
19. The car was involved in an accident. It had a white roof
20. The guard was punished. He let a prisoner escape.

6. Combine the following pairs or groups of sentences, using relative pronouns.

1. Tom had been driving all day. He was tired and wanted to stop.
2. Jack's tires were very old. He wanted to stick to the tarred road.
3. He gave orders to the manager. The manager passed them on to the foreman.
4. She said that the men were thieves. This turned out to be true.