

Sentential Relative Clauses with "Which"

Learn how to use , **which** to comment on an entire situation or event.

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GRAMMAR SPOTLIGHT: Referring to a Whole Clause

Instead of describing a single noun, we can use , **which** to add a comment or result about the **entire action** in the main clause.

Two short sentences: Max dropped his ice cream on the sidewalk. This made him cry.

Combined sentence: Max dropped his ice cream on the sidewalk , **which** made him cry.

- **Rule 1:** Always put a **comma (,)** before *which* when it refers to the whole previous clause.
- **Rule 2:** Never use *what*, *that*, or *this* in place of *which* for this sentence structure.
- **Rule 3:** The verb following *which* is usually singular because it refers to one whole event.

1 Sentence Combination

Combine the two sentences using , **which**

1. Alex stayed up until 2:00 AM playing video games. This made him extremely tired at school.

2. The weather was bright and sunny all weekend. This was a pleasant surprise for everyone.

3. Our teacher decided to postpone Friday's quiz. Everyone was thrilled about this.

4. Maya learned to speak conversational Japanese in six months. This impressed her classmates.

5. My phone battery died right when I was about to call a ride. This was really frustrating.

2 Spot & Fix the Mistake

Find and rewrite the sentence correctly

1. She forgot to lock her bicycle what meant someone could easily steal it.

2. Mark passed his piano exam with distinction which made his parents very proud.

3. They missed the last bus home, that forced them to take an expensive taxi.

3 Multiple Choice Quest

Choose the correct relative structure

1. It started pouring rain during our outdoor picnic, _____ ruined our afternoon.

A) what

B) , which

C) , that

2. Daniel broke his arm playing soccer, _____ meant he missed the championship.

A) which

B) that

C) what

3. The team won the finals for the first time, _____ was an amazing accomplishment.

A) , which

B) , this

C) , what

4. Sara remembered everyone's birthday in class, _____ surprised all of us.

A) that

B) , which

C) what

4 Finish the Thoughts

Complete each sentence with your own ideas using , which

1. I accidentally sent an embarrassing photo to the class group chat,

2. The cafe gave us free hot chocolates because we waited so long,

3. My alarm clock didn't go off this morning,

4. My best friend gave me a handmade gift for my birthday,

 PRO TIP: "Which" vs. "What" (Common Teen Mistake)

Many English learners say: "He arrived late, what made the teacher angry." ❌

Remember: In English, you must use ", which" when referring back to a whole clause! ○

 Self-Assessment & Reflection

Rate your understanding:



Got It!

I can use ", which" easily.



Getting There

I need a bit more practice.



Need Help

I'm confused about commas/words.