

RELATIVE PRONOUNS



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Relative Clauses

& We use relative clauses to give **additional information** about something without starting another sentence. We combine sentences with a relative pronoun. With those pronouns your text becomes more fluent and you can **avoid repeating certain words**.

There are different relative Pronouns:

Relative Pronouns

Who / That

That /

Which

Where

When

Whose

Who / That : PEOPLE



Sentence 1

Sentence 2

Bhathiya is a singer. He is from Colombo.

Bhathiya is a singer who/that is from Colombo.

That / Which : THINGS/ANIMALS



A fridge is a thing. ~~It~~ keeps food cool.

A fridge is a thing **THAT/WHICH** keeps food cool.

Attention:

Use **WHICH** after a comma or between commas when clause can be deleted without changing the meaning of the sentence.

For example:

The car, **WHICH** was parked in the parking lot, was stolen.

Fill in **who** or **which**.

1. I know a girl likes apple with sugar.
2. The newspaper I read yesterday was the Times.
3. A butcher is a mansells meat.
4. The manwas arrested stole my bike.
5. The book is lying on the table is very old.

6. The snowfell last night caused a traffic jam.

7. Can you help the boyhas lost his glasses?

8. The hatis made of straw belongs to my father.

9. I don't like puddingis too sweet.

10. The train to Londonarrives at 10.30 is late.

11. This is the pen I was looking for.

12. Where is the shopsells Chinese food?

13. The old lady is crossing the street lives next to me.

14. The housethey had lived in was sold.

15. Peoplelive in cities are sometimes lonely.

When : TIME



I went to Japan last May. ~~Last May~~, the cherry trees were blossoming.

I went to Japan Last May **WHEN** the cherry trees were blossoming.

Where : PLACE



New York is a city. You can find the Statue of
Liberty in this city.

New York is a city **WHERE** you can find the
Statue of Liberty.

Fill in **when** or **where**.

1. Children had finished practicesthe rain started.
2. We came across the farm they had farm a lot of crops.
3. They are closing the schoolI studied before.
4. I saw John in the shop you bought your shirt.
5. I met Malithi on the dayI missed my bus to home.

6. That is the house I grew up.
7. This is the place the accident happened.
8. Mr. Rathnayake will go to his ancestral house
.....he inherits five acres of coconut there.
9. The mechanic is trying to detect the place
.....water is leaking from the place.
10. It was midnightthe first rescue team
arrived at the scene of the accident.

11. Is this the hotelyou are staying for the tournament?
12. My sister was born at a time..... my dad was out of work.
13. The youth hostelwe stayed last week was really big.
14. I still remember the moment I first saw my sister.
15. Jinna can't remember the room he left his glasses.

Whose : POSSESSION



I know the boy. ~~His~~ mother is a nurse.

I know the boy **WHOSE** mother is a nurse.

Whom /that (object)



People in formal styles or in writing; often with a preposition; rarely in conversation; used instead of who if who is the object.

Ex:

This is Ganuka, **whom** you met at our house last year.
(whom is the object of met)

This is Ganuka's brother, **with whom** I went to school.
(whom is the object of with)

Use whose or whom.

1. This is the girl I met last Sunday.
2. These are the kidsparents were arrested.
3. The criminals, two ofmanaged to escape, broke into a bank downtown.
4. The police identified the murdererfingerprints were on the knife.
5. I know the candidateI am going to support in the next elections.

6. The men, two of were drunk, walked very slowly.
7. The guycomputer I was using moved to Spain.
8. She didn't know when the ESL book was written, or by
9. I didn't knowbook that was.
10. The police expert was able to determinefingerprints were on the knife.

11. The man we met on the street is my uncle.
12. The girl.....poem I read is still in high school.
13. The peoplewe saw yesterday are my neighbors.
14. The boy..... bike was stolen is crying.
15. The manwallet was stolen was very upset.

Combine the following sentences using the correct Relative Pronoun.

1. Nessie is a monster. It lives in Loch Ness.
2. I live in Medellin. I study in that city.
3. The boy_____sister is in my class was in the bank at that time.
4. Fernando Botero is an artist. He painted figures in exaggerated volume.
5. The table,_____got broken, was my grandmother's.
6. Shakira is a Colombian singer. She has two children.
7. I went to central park last Sunday Morning. Last Sunday morning, the weather was perfect.

• Combine the following sentences using the correct Relative Pronoun.

1. A watch is a thing. It tells the time.
2. Do you know the boy _____ father is a lawyer?
3. A bee is an insect. It makes honey.
4. The man _____ mobile was ringing did not know what to do.
5. Chile is a country. The American soccer cup was played in that country.
6. She came to visit me on Wednesday. On Wednesday, I was not home.
7. The fruit, _____ is on the table, isn't fresh.

Combine the following sentences using the correct Relative Pronoun.

1. James Rodriguez is a Colombian soccer player. He plays in Real Madrid.
2. Gabriel Garcia Marquez is a Colombian Nobel Prize winner. He wrote 100 years of solitude.
3. The Roman Colosseum is an ancient place. Men and lions fought in that place.
4. The woman _____ daughter was crying tried to calm her.
5. I graduated a summer. That summer, it was really hot.
6. A ferry is a ship. It carries people across the water.