

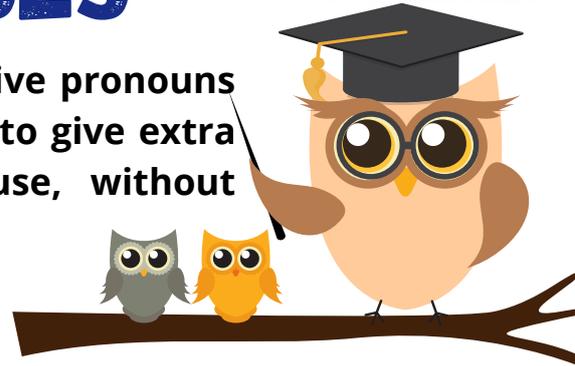
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# RELATIVE CLAUSES

Relative clauses are clauses starting with the relative pronouns such as **who** and **where**. They are most often used to give extra information about the nouns in the main clause, without needing to start another sentence.



## Relative pronouns

### where

is used to refer to a place/places.



### Example:

A garden is a place **where** flowers grow.

### who

is used to refer to a person/people. It can be used as both the subject and object of the clause.



### Example:

Parents are people **who** have children.

### whom

is used to refer to a person/people. It can only be used as the object of the clause.



### Example:

This is the lady **whom** I was talking about.

### which

is used to refer to a thing/things.



### Example:

A knife is a tool **which** is used for cutting.

### Whose

is used to indicate possession by people and animals



### Example:

This is the boy **whose** mother works as a lawyer.

We can combine two independent sentences with a relative clause.

For example:

**The brown dog is my neighbour's. It has a bone.**



***The brown dog **which** has a bone is my neighbour's.***



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## Warm up

Fill in the blanks with

which

who

whom

whose

1. The teacher would like the boy \_\_\_\_\_ threw the eraser to stand up.

2. The car crashed into a vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ was approaching from the opposite direction.

3. I know an old man \_\_\_\_\_ can play the guitar very well.

4. This is the shop \_\_\_\_\_ sells the CD you are looking for.

5. The police have arrested the man \_\_\_\_\_ is suspected of murder.

6. She is the author \_\_\_\_\_ I have heard so much about.

7. I have an aunt \_\_\_\_\_ cat is so fat that it cannot sit up properly.

8. We bought a big bag of plums \_\_\_\_\_ were not ripe.

9. May's brother plays in the soccer team \_\_\_\_\_ has won this year's match again.

10. The bus \_\_\_\_\_ leaves at 4:00 is the one that goes directly to the library.



## Let's form sentences

Make sentences using

where

who

which

1. a photographer / take / photographs

2. a museum / people / can see / old things

3. a spaceman / travel / in space

4. a racket / used for / playing tennis

5. a beach / people / swim / sunbathe

6. fishermen / catch / fish

7. a bench / people / can sit on

8. a library / people / can borrow / books



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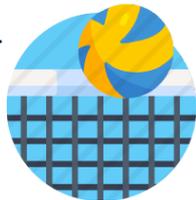


**Complete each of the sentences with the most likely clause from the box.**

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| whose mother often works late     | whose branches were thick and leafy    |
| whose hands were covered in flour | whose sister is in our netball team    |
| whose parents were very rich      | whose book won a national award        |
| whose father is a good pianist    | whose face was recognized by witnesses |
| whose shirt was torn              | whose father often buys her books      |



1. The woman \_\_\_\_\_ had been baking for the party.
2. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ had been climbing trees.
3. The children \_\_\_\_\_ had a lot of expensive toys.
4. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ takes good care of herself.
5. The girls \_\_\_\_\_ loves reading and is good at it.
6. The man \_\_\_\_\_ has been captured by the police.
7. The author \_\_\_\_\_ is now writing another book.
8. The tree \_\_\_\_\_ stood in the field for many years.
9. Tom, \_\_\_\_\_ is a very good musician too.
10. Sally, \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't like sport at all.



**Complete each sentence using a clause beginning with a relative pronoun "who" to give more information about the subject. Notice that the relative pronoun is usually followed by a verb.**

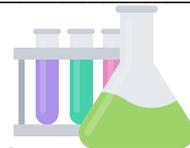
1. People \_\_\_\_\_ do not have many friends.
2. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ was awarded a merit certificate.
3. The boy, \_\_\_\_\_ no longer goes to my school.
4. Jane, \_\_\_\_\_ lives next door to my house.
5. Roger, \_\_\_\_\_ was very kind to me when I first arrived.
6. My uncle, \_\_\_\_\_ always walks to the bus stop with me.
7. Mrs. Jones, \_\_\_\_\_ showed me how to sew.





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8. The famous scientist, \_\_\_\_\_ has won many awards.

9. All the children, \_\_\_\_\_ were allowed to go home early.

10. Those workers, \_\_\_\_\_ finally completed the job today.



**Use the relative pronouns 'whom', 'who' or 'which' to give more information about the objects of these sentences.**

1. The policeman questioned the man \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Janet immediately liked the new girl \_\_\_\_\_.

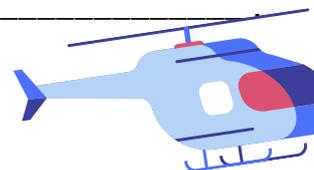
3. My friend told me about his teacher \_\_\_\_\_.



4. The crew disliked the captain \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Alice chose an expensive watch \_\_\_\_\_.

6. You can catch the bus \_\_\_\_\_.



7. The search party found the little boy \_\_\_\_\_.

8. The mother bear cried for her cub \_\_\_\_\_.

9. The farmer trapped the mouse \_\_\_\_\_.

10. She put on the red dress \_\_\_\_\_.



**Complete each sentence using the most appropriate of the relative pronouns 'who' and 'whom'**

1. He is the boy \_\_\_\_\_ is very smart.

2. Sarah saw the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ she likes.

3. I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ you are talking about.

4. Jen read a story with the girl \_\_\_\_\_ was sitting beside her this morning.



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**Join the sentences with who, whose, which, why or where.**

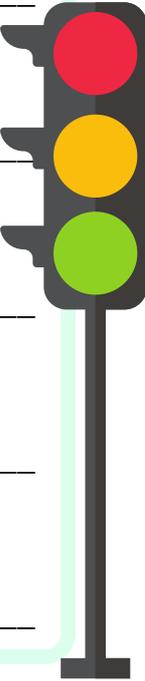
1. The accident delayed all traffic. It happened near the bus terminus.

2. The driver was angry. His minibus was damaged.

3. The crossroads was quite near the bus terminus. The accident happened there.

4. The police would accuse the driver. He caused the accident.

5. The reason was quite simple. The accident happened (for this reason).



**Proofreading. Find the mistakes in each line. If there's no mistake, put a tick on the right.**

- 1. I don't know whom took my school bag. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. This is the place which I met your mother the first time. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Melissa, which mother is a nurse, took my blood pressure last night. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Buddy my dog, which is lying on the floor right now, is feeling tired. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. The lady whose I bumped into this morning is actually my new class teacher. \_\_\_\_\_

**Look at each picture. Write a relative clause about it.**

**Example**

This is the clown who taught me how to juggle.

