

# RELATIVE PRONOUNS

Relative pronoun	Usage	Example
<b>Who</b>	Relates to people (subject)	The musician who wrote the song is French.
<b>Whom</b>	Relates to people (object)	She's the woman whom I met in Greece.
<b>Which</b>	Relates to animals and objects	This is the picture which Mary drew.
<b>Why</b>	Refers to reason	Do you know the reason why the market is closed today?
<b>When</b>	Refers to time	The day when the concert takes place is Saturday.
<b>Where</b>	Refers to places	This is the house where my son was born.
<b>Whose</b>	Refers to possession	The boy whose phone just rang should stand up.
<b>That</b>	Relates to people, animals and things	The book that I gave you is new.

## Functions of relative pronouns:

- They introduce the relative clause, which is 'a subordinate' or 'a dependent' (the part of a sentence that gives more information about the noun).
- They connect the clause to the rest of the sentence.
- **Relative pronouns** can be found in sentences with more than one clause.

## Exercise: Complete the sentences below with the appropriate relative pronouns

1. The new movie is about a boy \_\_\_\_\_ has lost his parents in a car accident.
2. The DVD recorder \_\_\_\_\_ I bought at this store a few days ago is not working.
3. That's the book \_\_\_\_\_ I recommended reading in class.
4. Is this the hotel \_\_\_\_\_ you are staying for the tournament?
5. My dad, \_\_\_\_\_ travels a lot on business, is in Australia at the moment.
6. It was midnight \_\_\_\_\_ the first rescue team arrived at the scene of the accident.
7. There are several reasons \_\_\_\_\_ I am not allowed to give you any information.
8. We stayed at the famous Rock Star hotel \_\_\_\_\_ also had an indoor swimming pool.
9. Did you write back to the person \_\_\_\_\_ offered you a job?
10. The story is about a young woman \_\_\_\_\_ 5-year old son suddenly disappears.
11. The tennis court \_\_\_\_\_ they usually play is currently not available.
12. She is the student \_\_\_\_\_ handwriting is the best in my class.
13. My sister was born at a time \_\_\_\_\_ my dad was out of work.
14. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ every student loved is still writing to her students.

15. That's the man to \_\_\_\_\_ I spoke to the other day.
16. Mr. Fields, \_\_\_\_\_ sister is one of the leading experts in this country, talked about the dangers of the virus.
17. He didn't tell us \_\_\_\_\_ he made such an irresponsible decision.
18. The book \_\_\_\_\_ I got from my friend was really interesting.
19. I have to buy a present for my mother, \_\_\_\_\_ birthday is next week.
20. Jane is the girl \_\_\_\_\_ I saw in Laura's house last week.

# ANSWER KEY

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>who that</b>	<b>which that</b>	<b>which that</b>	<b>where</b>	<b>who that</b>	<b>when</b>	<b>why</b>	<b>which that</b>	<b>that who</b>	<b>whose</b>

<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>whose</b>	<b>when</b>	<b>that whom</b>	<b>whom</b>	<b>whose</b>	<b>why</b>	<b>that which</b>	<b>whose</b>	<b>whom that</b>