# **Relative pronouns and relative clauses**

Learn about relative pronouns and relative clauses and do the exercises to practise using them.

**Level: beginner**

The relative pronouns are:

| Subject | Object | Possessive |
| --- | --- | --- |
| who | who/whom | whose |
| which | which | whose |
| that | that | - |

We use relative pronouns to introduce **relative clauses**. Relative clauses tell us more about people and things:

Lord Thompson, ***who is 76***, has just retired.This is the house ***which Jack built***.Marie Curie is the woman ***that discovered radium***.

We use:

* who and whom for **people**
* which for **things**
* that for **people or things**.
* We use relative clauses to **make clear which** person or thing we are talking about:
* Marie Curie is the woman ***who discovered radium***.This is the house ***which Jack built***.
* In this kind of relative clause, **we can use *that*** instead of who or which:
* Marie Curie is the woman ***that discovered radium***.This is the house ***that Jack built***.

## whose**and**whom

We use ***whose*** as the **possessive** form of who:

This is George, ***whose brother went to school with me***.

We sometimes use ***whom*** as the **object** of a verb or preposition:

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