

RELATIVE PRONOUNS

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

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who that	which that	which that	where	who that	when	why	which that	that who	whose

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Where	whose	when	that whom	whom	whose	why	that which	whose	whom that