

Basic Relative Clauses



A **relative clause** is a **subordinate clause** that is often introduced by a **relative pronoun**. Here are some relative pronouns: **that**, **which**, **whose** and **who**.

Joe is the man who delivers the milk.

relative pronoun

relative clause

The words **where** and **when** can also introduce relative clauses.

1

Circle the relative pronouns in the sentences below.
Then underline the relative clause in each sentence.

I prefer the blue shoes which match my dress.

This is the house that Megan is going to move into.

I don't like people who are cruel to animals.

We found a lost dog whose owner was nowhere to be seen.

Yvonne likes to go for walks that have amazing views.

This is the computer game that I bought last weekend.

2

Add a suitable relative pronoun to complete the relative clauses below.

This is the book Pria was reading.

The Tasty Taverna is a restaurant specialises in vegetarian meals.

I need to find a shop sells fancy dress costumes.

Ulrika met a man dog was almost as big as he was.

Juliet is the person always gets her own way.

Let's go on holiday to a country has hot, sunny weather.

We saw a jellyfish tentacles were two metres long.

3

Draw lines from each main clause to the correct relative clause to make a sentence.

Main Clause

Relative Clause

I found an injured rabbit

who can renovate our house.

Scott moved to a quiet village

when he got lost at the funfair.

Dad is looking for a builder

that he saw advertised on TV.

Kevin remembers the day

whose leg was broken.

Colin wants to buy the game

where there were no other children.

4

Add a relative clause using 'who' or 'which' to each sentence below.

Susanna waited for Edward

There was a lot of noise

Ronald went to the circus

The people welcomed the man

5

Write two sentences which contain a relative clause using the words below.

teacher strict

scientist experiment