

Trickier Relative Clauses



A relative clause sometimes comes in the middle of a sentence.

The girl who knocked on the door ran away.
relative pronoun relative clause

The ball which flew past us landed in the garden.
relative pronoun relative clause

1 Underline the relative clause in each of the sentences below.

After the party, which finished at midnight, we went to bed.

The room where the books are stored is being repainted.

Neil, whose son plays the drums in a band, loves rock music.

That day when I fell over was the most embarrassing day of my life.

The house that flooded during the storm can now be lived in again.

Liam, who wants to be a pilot, is taking flying lessons.

2 Add a suitable relative clause to complete the sentences below.

The boy looked very angry.

Michael's phone broke.

The town is not very big.

Roger's nephew is twelve.

That windy day was awful.

My old teddy bear is in the wash.

Relative clauses don't always have a **relative pronoun** — sometimes the relative pronoun can be left out.

They got the postcard which we sent from Spain.

relative clause **with** a relative pronoun →

They got the postcard we sent from Spain.

relative clause **without** a relative pronoun →

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Tick the sentences that can also be written without a relative pronoun.

I know a girl who says she's Lisa's friend. ☐

The museum which we visited was very interesting. ☐

Nobody knows the boy whose parents are abroad. ☐

That's the football team that Josh is joining. ☐

My tenth birthday was the day that Everton won the FA Cup. ☐

The relative clauses
are underlined.

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Rewrite the sentences below without a relative pronoun.

The walk which we went on was far too long.
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I've forgotten the name of the film which Jim recommended.
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He can't remember the day that we went to the zoo.
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