



## Relative clauses

A relative clause is a subordinate clause that often starts with a relative pronoun. Relative pronouns are words like 'who', 'that', 'which', 'whom', 'whose' and 'where'.

1. Tick the sentences that contain a relative clause, and underline the relative clauses.

- a. Anyone who wants to join in needs to be in the playground at 3.30 pm.
- b. The teddy bear marathon, which takes place every year, was a huge success.
- c. I went to the party with Marie, whose brother is my new best friend.
- d. Lars was not sure when the country fair was going to take place.
- e. My parents have just moved out of the house where I grew up.

2. Cross out the incorrect relative pronoun in the sentences below.

The Smiths, (**who** / **which**) live next door, have painted their house blue.

A washing line, (**who** / **which**) is one mile long, is attracting a lot of attention.

Eileen, (**whom** / **whose**) brother lives in France, is captain of the football team.

The vegetable patch is the part of the garden (**that** / **who**) I like best.

I'm not sure (**whose** / **whom**) coat that is, but it looks like the one Phillip lost.

3. Complete the sentences below by adding a relative pronoun in the space.

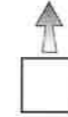
- a. Tyrone, ..... loves to play squash, has joined the local sports club.
- b. The treacle tart was the dessert ..... tasted the most delicious.
- c. I want to go back to the stadium ..... I played my first football match.
- d. I invited Lorraine, ..... I met at karate club, over for tea.



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4. Put a tick in the boxes to show which relative pronouns could be removed from the sentences below. Make sure the sentences still make sense.

The TV show *which* I'm watching (the one *which* discusses animals) is very interesting.



Caroline's sister, *who* is very clever, has read the book *that* I'm studying at school.



5. Choose a relative clause from the boxes below, and write a sentence using that relative clause. Remember to add commas where they are needed.

who stared at me

which was expensive

that I saw on Sunday

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6. Write a relative clause for each of these sentences.

Victor is the police officer .....

That's the house .....

Mrs Potter is the dinner lady .....

Badal gave me a present .....

Relative clauses are as friendly as your closest relatives. Do you agree? Tick to show your level.

