Relative Clauses

I loved the **movie**.

Which movie?



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Relative clauses, also called adjective clauses, modify **nouns**.

I loved the movie that we saw last night.

movie last night



Relative clauses usually begin with a relative pronoun (who, whom, which, that, whose).

who taught me to read

which is on the counter

that I told you about

whose car broke down

about whom* I told you

*whom is not often used in casual conversation

Relative clauses are dependent clauses. They are not complete sentences.

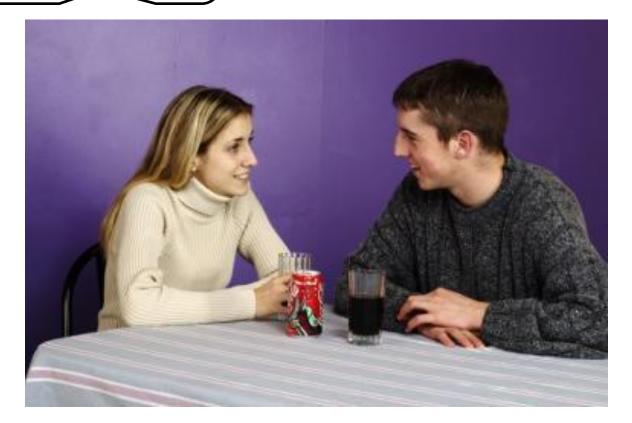
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Relative clauses must be connected to an **independent clause**.

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Sentences with **relative clauses** can be thought of as a combination of two sentences.

Ms. Jones is the teacher.

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She taught me to read.

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Ms. Jones is the teacher who taught me to read.

Sentences with **relative clauses** can be thought of as a combination of two sentences.

The cup is on the counter.

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It is mine.

The cup that is on the counter is mine.

Sentences with **relative clauses** can be thought of as a combination of two sentences.

Jack is a nice kid.

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Jack lives next door.

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Jack is a nice kid that lives next door.

Sentences with **relative clauses** can be thought of as a combination of two sentences.

He is a man.

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His car broke down.

He is the man whose car broke down.

Ms. Jones is the teacher who taught me to read.

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Ms. Jones is the teacher who taught me to read.



The cup which is on the counter is mine.



The **relative pronoun** and the **modified noun** refer to the **same** thing.

Ms. Jones is the teacher who taught me to read.



The cup which is on the counter is mine.



Jack is a nice kid that lives next door.



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Who/whose can be used for people.
Which can be used for things.
That can be used for people or things.

Ms. Jones is the teacher **who** taught me to read.

He is the man whose car broke down.

The cup which is on the counter is mine.

The cup that is on the counter is mine.

Jack is a nice kid that lives next door.

Pronouns can be omitted in some **relative clauses**. This is often done in casual conversations.

I love the play **that we saw today**. I love the play **we saw today**.

The person **who I met** is named Justin. I person **I met** is named Justin.

This is the house which I told you about.

This is the house I told you about.

Pronouns cannot be omitted in **relative clauses** when the pronoun is being used as the **subject** of the clause.

I thanked the person who helped me.



subject of the relative clause

I thanked the person ped me.

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subject of the relative clause

I saw the person we lottery.

Click on the correct sentences.

The house which we bought is small. correct

The dog that we got yesterday is friendly. correct

The basketball player which I met is tall.

The basketball player who I met is tall. The basketball player that I met is tall. The basketball player I met is tall.

incorrect

correct correct

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Click on the correct sentences.

The new girl in my class is Greek.

correct

The boy who I saw him was on a bike.

incorrect

The boy who/that I saw was on a bike.

correct

The boy I saw was on a bike.

correct

The dog that we found is friendly.

correct

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Click on the best pronoun to complete the sentence.

that who is the one correct incorrect

The car **that** we bought was expensive.

Who/whose can be used for people.
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Click on the best pronoun to complete the sentence.

which who is the one

incorrect correct incorrect

The man who sold us the car was helpful.

Who/whose can be used for people.

Which can be used for things.

That can be used for people or things.

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The End

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