



Relative Clauses

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Intermediate



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Relative Pronouns

i.who(m)/that

to refer to people

ii.which/that

to refer to things

iii.whose

with people, animals
and objects to show
possession (instead of a
possessive adjective)

Relative adverbs

i.when/that

to refer to a time

ii.where

to refer a place

iii.why

to give a reason



Relative Pronouns

- ◆ **Who, which** and **that** can be omitted when they are the object of the relative clause.
*He's the person (**who**) I am going to cooperate with.*
- ◆ **Whom** can be used instead of who or that after preposition.
*That's the boy to **whom** Stella was talking yesterday.*
- ◆ **Who, which,** or **that** is not omitted when the subject of relative clause.
*The man **who** owns that shop is Italian.*
- ◆ **Whose** is never omitted.
*That's the woman **whose** husband is our new boss.*



Relative adverbs

- ◆ **When/that** can be omitted.

*That was the year (**when/that**) we graduated from university.*

- ◆ **Where** cannot be omitted.

*The restaurant **where** we first met is going to be pulled down.*

- ◆ **Why** can be omitted and usually used after the word reason.

*The reason (**why**) she left is still unclear.*



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Defining

A defining relative clause gives necessary information essential to the meaning of the main sentence. It is not put in commas and is introduced with **who**, **which**, **whose**, **where**, **when**, or the **reason (why)**.



Non-defining

A non-defining relative clause gives extra information and is not essential to the meaning of the main sentence. It is put in commas and is introduced with **who**, **whom**, **which**, **whose**, **where**, or **when**.



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*The man **who** sold me the car said it had never broken down.*

*The man, **who** was very persuasive, sold me the car for \$7000.*

*The dress **which** I bought last month doesn't fit me.*

*The dress, **which** was cost a fortune, is my favourite one.*



Thank You!

Any questions?