



# ***Relative Clauses***

**November 04, 2010**

**Intermediate**



# ***Relative Clauses***

---

## **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.*



# ***Relative Clauses***

---



## **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**.



# ***Relative Clauses***

---

*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?**