



# INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Relative pronouns</b> are used to link two sentences that have the same noun or pronoun in them.</li> <li>❖ Relative pronouns form the beginning of a relative clause. In English there are <b>five basic relative</b> pronoun forms:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>that</b> is used when referring to either an animate or inanimate noun.</li> <li>✓ <b>who</b> is used when referring to an animate noun.</li> <li>✓ <b>which</b> is used when referring to an inanimate noun.</li> <li>✓ <b>whose</b> is used as a possessive</li> <li>✓ <b>Whom</b> is used for the object of a verb. We use it for person.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ The noun in the introductory clause is called the <b>antecedent</b>. A relative pronoun replaces the noun in the second clause-<b>the relative clause</b>.</li> <li>❖ Let's look at how relative pronouns connect two sentences. If the same noun or pronoun is found in both sentences, the second one can be omitted and replaced by a relative pronoun. Then the two sentences are stated as one.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Notice how the animate and inanimate nouns change to relative pronouns.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Two Sentences:</b> He likes the girl. The girl comes from Alaska.<br/> <b>Relative Clause:</b> He likes the girl who comes from Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">He likes the girl that comes from Alaska.</p> <p><b>Two Sentences:</b> I bought the car. The car needs repairs.<br/> <b>Relative Clause:</b> I bought the car that needs repairs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">I bought the car which needs repairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Nouns can be used as subjects, direct objects, indirect objects, objects of prepositions, and possessives.</li> </ul> |  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Defining Relative Clauses</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Defining relative clauses specify a noun or pronoun in the main clause and are necessary if we want to understand the meaning of a sentence.</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
|  | <p>1) I saw the girl who was outside our house. 2) <i>They wanted the picture that cost two pounds.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |

❖ If we omit them, it is not clear what girl or picture we are talking about. They follow after the pronouns *who*, *which*, *that*, *whose* and *whom*. We do not write them with commas.

✓ **Who** for persons

*The man who called you has just arrived.*

✓ **Which** for things

*This is the book which I wanted.*

✓ **That** for persons and things

*Are you the boy that lives next door?*

*Can you see the tree that has no leaves? That is less formal than who or which.*

❖ **Who vs whom**

*Whom* is the object of a verb. We use it for persons. The meaning is similar to *who*.

*The man whom I met yesterday...*

*This is the girl whom I saw at the party.*

*Whom* is very formal. In spoken English *who* or *that* are much more common.

*The man who I met... The man that I met...*

❖ **Whose** is a possessive pronoun for persons and things.

*It is a story about a boy whose parents got divorced.*

*The river whose bridge is in front of us is called the Cam.*

❖ **Non-defining relative clauses**

✓ **Non-defining relative clauses** only describe a preceding noun or pronoun (add some information about them), but do not specify them. They must be written with commas.

*My father, who is 65 now, still works.*

*His car, which cost nearly 20,000 pounds, is broken.*

If we leave them out (*My father still works. His car is broken.*), the sentences remain grammatically correct and we know what father or car we are talking about. The only effect is that there is less information in the sentences.

✓ More examples

*Ann, whom I admire, is not right in this case.*

*Their garden, which is near here, looks beautiful.*

*Pam, whose children go to school, is not so busy.*

✓ Such sentences are quite formal and are typical of written English. In spoken English we prefer less formal structures.

Written English: *My father, who is 65 now, still works.*

Spoken English: *My father is 65 now and still works.*

Written English: *Their garden, which is near here, looks beautiful.*

Spoken English: *Their garden is near here. It looks beautiful.*

✓ In informal English we use *who* instead of *whom*.

Formal: *Sam, whom I know quite well, would be a good husband.*

Informal: *Sam, who I know quite well, would be a good husband.*

**A) Combine the following sentences into one using relative pronoun.**

1. She worked for a man. The man used to be an athlete.

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2. They called a lawyer. The lawyer lived nearby.

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3. I sent an email to my brother. My brother lives in Australia.

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4. The customer liked the waitress. The waitress was very friendly.

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5. We broke the computer. The computer belonged to my father.

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6. I dropped a glass. The glass was new.

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7. She loves books. The books have happy endings.

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8. They live in a city. The city is in the north of England.

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9. The man is in the garden. The man is wearing a blue jumper.

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10. The girl works in a bank. The girl is from India.

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11. My sister has three children. My sister lives in Australia.

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12. The waiter was rude. The waiter was wearing a blue shirt.

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13. The money is in the kitchen. The money belongs to John.

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14. The table got broken. The table was my grandmother's..

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15. The television was stolen. The television was bought 20 years ago.

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16. The fruit is on the table. The fruit isn't fresh.

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**B) Below are sentences containing relative clauses. Underline the relative clause in each sentence and write *restrictive* in the blank if it is a restrictive clause and *non-restrictive* if it is a non-restrictive clause.**

1. My father, who drives a red car, was late to pick me up.  
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2. The green vase that is on the top shelf is very expensive.  
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3. Keenan asked Victor, who was in his class, if he could have a ride.  
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4. The thief hid the money that he had stolen from the store  
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5. Amanda spoke to the clerk who was helping her.  
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6. The letter, which was written in blue ink, told Eugene the location of the key.  
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**C)The following sentences contain clauses that may or may not be restrictive. Supply commas for the non-restrictive clauses.**

1. The man who had the handlebar mustache pressed Adam for an answer.  
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2. Mr. Hoffer whose family lives in Germany will be our guest this weekend.  
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3. The explanation that she had given them seemed too horrible to be true.  
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4. Mr. Johnson whose son attends the University is our friend.  
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5. Thomas Jefferson who was born on the frontier became President.  
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6. A person who loves to read will never be lonely.  
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7. My father who was a country boy has lived in the city for years.  
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8. The girl by whom I sat in class is an honor student.  
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9. Jet pilots who are not in excellent physical condition should not be allowed to fly.  
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10. She is a woman who is respected by everyone.  
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