

Relative Pronouns & Adverbs

Remember this:

who --> person
that/ which --> objects or animals
which --> choice
where --> place
when --> time
why --> reason
whose --> possession
whom --> person

We use "who" to refer to people, for example, "the man **who** gave me the chocolate is Anna's fiancé." Here we identify who the person was. "That or which" is used to talk about animals or objects for example, "everybody likes the T-shirt **that/which** you bought yesterday." T-shirt is the object and therefore we used "that or which".

The same rule applies for animals; "the long-necked animal **that/ which** we saw in the zoo is called a giraffe." Bear in mind that we only use "which" for choice, for example, "I want to know **which** team is the best."

"Where" is clearly used to indicate places, for example, "this is the village **where** I grew up." For "why and when," they are used for reason and time successively, for instance, "the reason **why** villagers leave countryside is unemployment." "I will never forget the day **when** Peter asked Laura for marriage."

"Whose" is most often used for possession, for example, "the teacher **whose** car is black is of Maths." That means that the teacher who has a black car is a Math teacher. "Whom" is used to refer to the object of a verb or preposition.

Let's consider this example, "the boss **whom** you had the interview with was my classmate."

EXERCISE 1 Fill in the blanks with the right word from the list.

who - whose - that - which - where - when - why - whom

1. A lawyer is a person _____ helps people with their legal problems in the court.
2. Frank showed me the photos _____ he took in Istanbul last year.
3. The boy _____ father is a doctor had an accident yesterday.
4. Marrakesh is a beautiful city _____ tourists enjoy the hot weather and delicious food.
5. A camel is an animal _____ lives in the deserts and used to carry both people and goods.
6. The reason _____ the employees went on a strike was their low salaries.
7. I will never forget the day _____ I got married to Julia.
8. The professor with _____ I was talking is the best one in the university.

EXERCISE 2 Re-write these sentences using the words given in brackets.

1. This is the shop. The shop I bought my new glasses. (where)

2. The man we met yesterday. The man is nice. (whom)

3. I don't like the car. The car he sold last week. (which)

4. The woman's husband is dead. The woman is called a widow. (whose)

5. Illiteracy is a serious problem. This problem threatens our society. (that)

EXERCISE 1 Match the following relative pronouns or adverbs with their uses. (2Pts)

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| 1. who | a. possession |
| 2. whose | b. place |
| 3. where | c. animal, object or choice |
| 4. which | d. person |

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the blanks with the right word from the list. (8Pts)

who - whose - that - which - where - when - why - whom

- Nick, _____ is an excellent football player, got a lot of awards and trophies.
- He likes the gift _____ his sister sent to him for his birthday last week.
- This is the town _____ the president was born in 1978.
- The man _____ jacket is brown is a famous actor in Egypt.
- The reason _____ she refused the job was that she lives very far.
- This is the time _____ the birds fly towards the West.
- I want to know _____ car is the most expensive in this car show room.
- The boss hired the woman _____ he interviewed last week.

EXERCISE 3 Re-write these sentences using the words given. (2Pts)

- Would you like the T-shirt? The T-shirt I bought yesterday. (which)

- The man is wearing blue jeans. Can you call him? (who)

- The teacher talked to the student. His phone rang during the exam. (whose)

- Van Diesel was born in 1967 in California. Van Diesel is an American actor and director. (who)

EXERCISE 4 Fill in each gap with the right word from the list. (8Pts)

- The girl _____ motorbike is red is Nancy.

- This is the candidate _____ was chosen by the jury as the best free football style this year.

- Mr. Bean, _____ sense of humour is exceptional, is from New Castle.

- "I need to make photocopy to the document _____ the teacher gave you last week," he said.

- The English test _____ we took last Monday was difficult.

- This is the place _____ Mr. Reed will build his new house.

- The lady to _____ I was talking is Madam Nelson from England.

- I can't find the dictionary _____ I borrowed from the library last week

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| b. who |
| a. who |
| b. whose |
| a. which |
| b. whose |
| a. why |
| b. that |
| a. which |
| b. who |
| a. where |
| b. which |
| a. whom |
| b. whose |
| a. when |
| b. that |