

Introducing relative pronouns

Understand what a relative pronoun is



i Relative pronouns are words such as *who*, *that*, *which* and *whose*: they refer to another noun in a sentence and introduce more information about that noun - picking it out from others, e.g. The man *who* lives next door is unfriendly. The clause that follows the pronoun is called a relative clause. It can be tricky to decide which word is best, e.g. *that* and *which* are sometimes interchangeable; however, *who* is usually only used for humans and pets. For anything else you would use *that* or *which*, e.g. The pencil *that* you gave me is broken.

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Circle the noun that the underlined pronoun refers to:

I bought a bike that has off-road tyres.

The shop which sells laptops is closed.

The girl who won was a brilliant swimmer.

The boy whose arm was in plaster had broken it playing rugby.

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Add a relative pronoun:

I drive a car has lovely chrome bumpers.

The tree fell down was rotten.

Boys like football often join a club.

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PRACTICE**

Circle the relative pronouns in the sentence:

The man who owns the fierce dog also has a cat that is quite scary.

Explain who is the winner of this race using a relative pronoun to pick him out.

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CHALLENGE
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