

Relative Clauses Exercises

Level: B1

Add information with a relative clause

A relative clause tells us which person, thing or place we mean. Use *who* for people, *which* for things and *where* for places. *That* can often replace *who* or *which* in a defining clause.

People: *The woman who teaches us is kind.* You can often use *that* instead of *who*.

Things: *The book which I bought is useful.* You can often use *that* instead of *which*.

Places: *This is the café where we met.* *Where* means *in/at which*.

Defining clauses: Do not add commas when the clause identifies the person or thing: *The student who called is here.*

Word order: Keep normal statement order inside the clause: *the man who lives next door*, not *the man who does he live next door*.

Exercise 1: Choose the relative word

Choose the word that correctly links the two parts of each sentence.

1. The woman ___ helped us is a doctor.
a) who b) where c) which
2. The phone ___ I bought yesterday is broken.
a) which b) who c) where
3. This is the café ___ we met.
a) where b) who c) which
4. The children ___ live upstairs play music.
a) which b) where c) who
5. The road ___ leads to the beach is closed.
a) who b) where c) which
6. The park ___ we play football is near school.
a) which b) where c) who

Exercise 2: Complete the clause

Type **who**, **which**, **that** or **where**. Equivalent relative words are accepted when the grammar allows them.

7. The man ___ works here is my uncle.
8. The dress ___ she bought is red.
9. This is the room ___ we study.
10. The boy ___ won the race is ten.

11. The car ___ stopped outside is mine.
12. I know a shop ___ you can buy cheap books.

Exercise 3: Correct the relative clause

Replace the incorrect relative word with a correct one. Keep the rest of the sentence.

13. The girl which lives next door is friendly.

14. The book who I borrowed is on the table.

15. The park which we play football is large.

16. The bag where I bought is blue.

17. The chef which made our meal is from Italy.

18. That is the town who I grew up.

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the relative word

1. a) who
2. a) which
3. a) where
4. c) who
5. c) which
6. b) where

Exercise 2: Complete the clause

7. who / that
8. which / that
9. where
10. who / that
11. which / that
12. where

Exercise 3: Correct the relative clause

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