

 **Relative clauses**

Relative clauses are a type of subordinate clause that are often introduced by a relative pronoun.

1. Underline the relative clause in each of the sentences below.

The street where I live is in the centre of town.

Could you pick up the box that is over there please?

Do you remember the time when we went to the circus?

His parrot, which has blue and green feathers, wouldn't stop talking!

Yesterday, I met the man who owns the bike shop.

2. Circle the relative pronouns in the sentences below.

My best friend, who lives next door to me, is very funny.

That's the boy whose house is really big.

My brother was late for tea, which surprised me.

The children loved the lessons that took place outside.

3. Complete the sentences below by adding a relative clause in the space.

Remember to add commas where they're needed.

The dog ..... is always barking.

My uncle ..... loves rock climbing.

The classroom ..... was full of children.

The weather was awful .....

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4. Tick the sentences that would still make sense without the relative pronoun.

This book that I'm reading is very long.

The man, who has blue eyes, is quite tall.

The car which he bought is bright red.

She told us about the boy who trained fleas.

5. Rewrite these sentences, leaving out the relative pronoun.

I thought the food that Tom had made was delicious.

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Whitney really liked all the people who she had met.

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It's about time that I did my homework — it's due tomorrow.

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6. Using the words below, write two sentences that contain a relative clause and a relative pronoun.

dog postman

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mug tea

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*I hope that was relatively fun. Do you know your relative clauses inside out? Tick to show how you did.*

