

Y5 Relative Clauses

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1. Worked example

Combine: 'The book was on the table. The book belonged to my sister.'

Step 1 · Find the shared noun

the book

Step 2 · Turn the second sentence into a relative clause

which belonged to my sister

Step 3 · Put it straight after the noun, with commas

The book, which belonged to my sister, was on the table.

Answer: The book, which belonged to my sister, was on the table.

Check: Take out the clause and the sentence still works.

2. Now try one with the steps

Choose the pronoun: 'Ella is the girl ____ bag was lost.'

Step 1 · What is the clause about?

Step 2 · Belonging → whose

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Which relative pronoun is used for people: who or which?

2. Fill the gap: 'This is the house ____ I grew up.'

3. Fill the gap: 'That's the man ____ car was stolen.'

4. Fill the gap: 'The parrot, ____ can say twenty words, is called Kiwi.'

5. Fill the gap: 'Summer is the season ____ we go camping.'

6. Write out the relative clause: 'The boy who found the wallet handed it in.'

7. Combine using who: 'The teacher was kind. The teacher taught us maths.'

8. Combine using which: 'The bridge is very old. It crosses the river.'

9. Combine using whose: 'I know a girl. Her mum is a pilot.'

10. Rewrite with the relative pronoun omitted: 'The song that we sang was loud.'

11. Can 'who' be omitted from 'The girl who scored the goal is in my class'? Why?

12. Correct the mistake: 'The dog which owner is away is staying with us.'

13. Add a relative clause to improve: 'The volcano erupted.'

14. Add commas if they are needed: 'Mount Everest which is in Nepal is the highest mountain.'

4. Before you hand it in

The dog which owner lives next door barked.

The dog whose owner lives next door barked.

Using which for people: 'the man which helped us'

the man who helped us

Only one comma: 'The castle, which is ruined is open today.'

The castle, which is ruined, is open today.

Dropping a subject pronoun: 'The girl won the race is my friend.'

The girl who won the race is my friend.