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Relative pronouns operate as redundancy for subjects or objects which are referred to in a relative clause. The most accepted ones are: *who, whom, which, that and whose*.

### who

- can only be used for people
- used in questions: which people or group, i.e. *Who told you that?*
- points out which person or group is being referred to, i.e. *This is the girl who wanted to see you.*



### whom

- used as the object form of *who*, i.e. *The student to whom I was openminded is a scientist now.*
- only in very formal writing



If you like to be old-fashion formal, use "whom" in writing and formal styles to refer to the person, when



### whose

- 'whose' has a possessive meaning, belongs to who, i.e. *Whose book is this? I wonder whose book that is.*
- Preposition + whose as a complement is more formal, i.e. *Elisabeth Purple, with whose colleague*



### which

- replaces the subject, only for things, not people
- refers to objects, can be left out with no Change in meaning
- object + preposition, i.e. *the place at which she arrived*
- add information, i.e. *The class, which was well prepared,*



#### That vs. Which

„That“ does **NOT** like **com-mas**.



### that

- used for subjects: which are things and animals
- can be used for a person, who has a superlative complement, i.e. *best answer, greatest solution, smallest bit of information*



Create your own 'quick'n'dirty'- rule to all relative pronouns, which are mentioned.

① Complete the sentences by using relative pronouns and underline the words which

All Children ... the students asked were eager to give an interview.

that  who  which  whom

Marry met somebody last night ... did the linguistic exam two years after Jim.

which  that  whom  who

She destroyed the photocollage, ... upset me.

that  which  whom  who

You need to pick the present ... has red dots.

who  that  which  whose

The postman asked Steff about Mr. Miller ... address he wanted to find.

whose  whom  which  that

The WM- final was the best game of soccer ... I have ever seen.

which  who  whose  that

They had three Children, all of ... went to university.

who  which  whose  whom

Where is Mrs. Motivation ... is trying to convince me to study.

who  that  whom  which

② Game Time: Have you heard of...?

1) Pair-up and hide your „treasure“ (3 squares horizontal, vertical or diagonal) in your chart.

2) Your partner has the same chart, now try to locate the treasure of your

by using **relative pronouns**.

e.g. "Have you heard of a teacher **who** does funny games?"

Direct hit: Mrs. Daddle is a teacher **who** does funny games.

Missed: No I have not heard of ...



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1	... a fish <input type="checkbox"/> lives in an anemone? <b>Nemo</b>	... a stone <input type="checkbox"/> only consist out of carbon? <b>Diamond</b>	... an animal <input type="checkbox"/> finds water on three legs? <b>elephant</b>	... a tree <input type="checkbox"/> leafs are needles? <b>pine</b>
2	... a nation <input type="checkbox"/> built geometrical memorials? <b>Egypt</b>	... a city <input type="checkbox"/> is famous for salt? <b>Lüneburg</b>	... a prince <input type="checkbox"/> just got married? <b>Prince Harry</b>	... an ocean in <input type="checkbox"/> you can float ? <b>Dead Sea</b>
3	... a fruit <input type="checkbox"/> should keep the doctor away? <b>apple</b>	... a dog <input type="checkbox"/> tongue is blue? <b>Chow-Chow</b>	... a country <input type="checkbox"/> president uses only 140 letter messages? <b>Trump</b>	... a fairy tale character <input type="checkbox"/> grandma turns into a wolf? <b>Red Riding Hood</b>
	... a student <input type="checkbox"/>	... a pedagogy in <input type="checkbox"/> children can	... a girl <input type="checkbox"/> friends	... a vegetable <input type="checkbox"/>