

# Relative Pronouns & Adverbs

## Remember this:

who → person  
that/ which → objects or animals  
which → choice  
where → place  
when → time  
why → reason  
whose → possession  
whom → person

We use "who" to refer to people, for example, "the man **who** gave me the chocolate is Anna's fiancé." Here we identify who the person was. "That or which" is used to talk about animals or objects for example, "everybody likes the T-shirt **that/which** you bought yesterday." T-shirt is the object and therefore we used "that or which".

The same rule applies for animals; "the long-necked animal **that/ which** we saw in the zoo is called a giraffe." Bear in mind that we only use "which" for choice, for example, "I want to know **which** team is the best."

"Where" is clearly used to indicate places, for example, "this is the village **where** I grew up." For "why and when," they are used for reason and time successively, for instance, "the reason **why** villagers leave countryside is unemployment." "I will never forget the day **when** Peter asked Laura for marriage."

"Whose" is most often used for possession, for example, "the teacher **whose** car is black is of Maths." That means that the teacher who has a black car is a Math teacher. "Whom" is used to refer to the object of a verb or preposition.

Let's consider this example, "the boss **whom** you had the interview with was my classmate."

### EXERCISE 1 Fill in the blanks with the right word from the list.

who - whose - that - which - where - when - why - whom

1. A lawyer is a person \_\_\_\_\_ helps people with their legal problems in the court.
2. Frank showed me the photos \_\_\_\_\_ he took in Istanbul last year.
3. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ father is a doctor had an accident yesterday.
4. Marrakesh is a beautiful city \_\_\_\_\_ tourists enjoy the hot weather and delicious food.
5. A camel is an animal \_\_\_\_\_ lives in the deserts and used to carry both people and goods.
6. The reason \_\_\_\_\_ the employees went on a strike was their low salaries.
7. I will never forget the day \_\_\_\_\_ I got married to Julia.
8. The professor with \_\_\_\_\_ I was talking is the best one in the university.

### EXERCISE 2 Re-write these sentences using the words given in brackets.

1. This is the shop. The shop I bought my new glasses. (where)  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. The man we met yesterday. The man is nice. (whom)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. I don't like the car. The car he sold last week. (which)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. The woman's husband is dead. The woman is called a widow. (whose)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Illiteracy is a serious problem. This problem threatens our society. (that)  
\_\_\_\_\_

# QUIZ 2

## Quiz on Relative Pronouns & Adverbs

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### EXERCISE 1 Match the following relative pronouns or adverbs with their uses. (2Pts)

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| 1. who   | a. possession               |
| 2. whose | b. place                    |
| 3. where | c. animal, object or choice |
| 4. which | d. person                   |

### EXERCISE 2 Fill in the blanks with the right word from the list. (8Pts)

who - whose - that - which - where - when - why - whom

- Nick, \_\_\_\_\_ is an excellent football player, got a lot of awards and trophies.
- He likes the gift \_\_\_\_\_ his sister sent to him for his birthday last week.
- This is the town \_\_\_\_\_ the president was born in 1978.
- The man \_\_\_\_\_ jacket is brown is a famous actor in Egypt.
- The reason \_\_\_\_\_ she refused the job was that she lives very far.
- This is the time \_\_\_\_\_ the birds fly towards the West.
- I want to know \_\_\_\_\_ car is the most expensive in this car show room.
- The boss hired the woman \_\_\_\_\_ he interviewed last week.

### EXERCISE 3 Re-write these sentences using the words given. (2Pts)

- Would you like the T-shirt? The T-shirt I bought yesterday. (which)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- The man is wearing blue jeans. Can you call him? (who)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- The teacher talked to the student. His phone rang during the exam. (whose)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Van Diesel was born in 1967 in California. Van Diesel is an American actor and director. (who)  
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### EXERCISE 4 Fill in each gap with the right word from the list. (8Pts)

- The girl \_\_\_\_\_ motorbike is red is Nancy.
- This is the candidate \_\_\_\_\_ was chosen by the jury as the best free football style this year.
- Mr. Bean, \_\_\_\_\_ sense of humour is exceptional, is from New Castle.
- "I need to make photocopy to the document \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher gave you last week," he said.
- The English test \_\_\_\_\_ we took last Monday was difficult.
- This is the place \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Reed will build his new house.
- The lady to \_\_\_\_\_ I was talking is Madam Nelson from England.
- I can't find the dictionary \_\_\_\_\_ I borrowed from the library last week

a. whose  
b. who

a. who  
b. whose

a. which  
b. whose

a. why  
b. that

a. which  
b. who

a. where  
b. which

a. whom  
b. whose

a. when  
b. that