

## PRONOUNS (4)

### Relative Pronouns (05)

In context

3 min

What is a relative pronoun?



main clause	relative pronoun	relative clause
My mother always bakes cakes	which	are delicious.

## Relative Pronouns

7 min

A relative pronoun refers to a person or thing mentioned before. It introduces a relative clause. There are 5 relative pronouns.

Relative Pronoun	Used for	Function	Example
who	people	subject	The woman <b>who</b> called is a friend.
whom	people	object	The woman <b>whom</b> I called is a friend.
whose	people	possession	The man <b>whose</b> car is here is my brother.
which	things	subject object	The car <b>which</b> is coming is Ben's car. The car <b>which</b> Ben drives is new.
that	people things	subject object	The woman <b>that</b> called is a friend. The car <b>that</b> Ben drives is new.

## Language Tips on Relative Pronouns

5 min

Sometimes we use 'who' for the object in the sentence, instead of 'whom'. It is more formal to use 'whom'.

### Examples:

The woman **whom** I called is a friend. (formal)

The woman **who** I called is a friend. (less formal)

Sometimes, when the relative pronoun is the object in the sentence, we do not say it.

### Example:

The woman I called is a friend.

## Writing Exercise

5 min

Match the 2 columns.

1. who	a. people, subject in the sentence
2. whom	b. things
3. whose	c. people or things
4. which	d. people, object in the sentence
5. that	e. possession

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## Writing Exercise

5 min

Put the words in the correct order.

1. don't / I / word / she / understand / said / the

\_\_\_\_\_

2. bed / The / I / in / sleep / small /is

\_\_\_\_\_

3. bed / The / I / in / sleep / small /is / which

\_\_\_\_\_

4. The / here / a / bag / lady / whose / is / is / client

\_\_\_\_\_

5. man / speaking / English / who / is / is / The

\_\_\_\_\_

## Writing Exercise

5 min

Choose the correct pronoun. The symbol Ø means 'no pronoun'.

1. Charleston is the town \_\_\_\_\_ I visited last year. (who/which)
2. Brooke is the woman \_\_\_\_\_ I told you about. (which/whom)
3. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ toys are in the garden is my neighbor. (whom/whose)
4. The company, \_\_\_\_\_ President is under investigation, is doing badly. (who/whose)
5. The house \_\_\_\_\_ they rent is in a small town. (that/who)
6. The dress \_\_\_\_\_ she likes is very expensive. (whose/Ø)
7. I prefer the dress \_\_\_\_\_ is in the other shop. (that/Ø)
8. This is the gentleman \_\_\_\_\_ helps me. (who/whom)
9. The movie \_\_\_\_\_ he is watching is in Spanish. (who/Ø)
10. I don't know the person \_\_\_\_\_ she is talking about. (that/whose)

## Speaking Exercise with the Teacher

5 min

Listen to your teacher's questions, and then answer.

1. What's the name of the actor whom you like best?
2. What's the name of the singer whom you listen to the most?
3. Among the cars you owned, what was the one which you preferred?
4. When you were in school, what were the subjects that you didn't like to study?

## Watch the Video!

10 min

With this video lesson, you will practice relative pronouns.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJyaUWZDdM4&feature=related>

Watch it again and complete the introduction:

Hello, this is one in a series of carmentaonline latin video blogs on English \_\_\_\_\_. This blog is on \_\_\_\_\_ pronouns and relative clauses. A relative pronoun introduces a relative clause and refers \_\_\_\_\_ to the antecedent in the main clause of the sentence. Antecedent means passing \_\_\_\_\_. It is called this \_\_\_\_\_ it comes before the relative pronoun. The relative pronoun cannot exist \_\_\_\_\_ the antecedent, and only has meaning relative to the \_\_\_\_\_. Some English relative pronouns are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Here are some example sentences that you can \_\_\_\_\_ from.

Watch it again and choose the correct answer:

1. In the sentence "People who know about relative pronouns are really cool.", what is the relative clause?

- a. who know about relative pronouns
- b. People are really cool
- c. who

2. In the sentence "People who know about relative pronouns are really cool.", what is the relative pronoun?

- a. who know about relative pronouns
- b. People are really cool
- c. who

3. In the sentence "People who know about relative pronouns are really cool.", what is the main clause?

- a. who know about relative pronouns
- b. People are really cool
- c. who

## Quiz

10 min

### True or False?

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|---|------|-------|
| 1. A relative pronoun refers to a person or thing mentioned before. | true | false |
| 2. A relative pronoun refers to a thing we lost.                    | true | false |
| 3. A relative pronoun is always the subject in a sentence.          | true | false |
| 4. A relative pronoun introduces a relative clause.                 | true | false |

Complete the table below:

Relative Pronoun	Used for: people, things or both?	Function: subject, object or both?
who	1. people	5. _____
whom	2. _____	6. _____
which	3. _____	7. _____
that	4. _____	8. _____

Complete with the correct relative pronoun from this list: which, who, whom, whose

1. The candidate \_\_\_\_\_ gets the best score will be hired.
2. The candidate, \_\_\_\_\_ the HR Manager called, may get the job.
3. The HR Manager, \_\_\_\_\_ car is parked on a handicapped spot, is a veteran.
4. The car, \_\_\_\_\_ is parked on a handicapped spot, belongs to a veteran.