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Relative Pronouns

A **relative pronoun** links two clauses together by giving more information about a word or phrase in the sentence. The pronoun "relates" to the noun that it modifies. The relative pronouns are **who**, **whom**, **whose**, **that**, and **which**.

- The lamp that is on the table needs a new light bulb.
- The nurse, who started her shift at five in the morning, is tired.
- Giraffes, which are tall animals, can eat leaves from tall trees.

Choose the correct relative pronoun from the box that fits with each sentence. Write it on the line.

who**whom****whose****that****which**

1. An astronaut is a person _____ travels into space.
2. He picked shoes _____ have buckles.
3. Josie received a bracelet, _____ was purple and black, for her birthday.
4. The novel, _____ author was known for writing children's books, was written for adults.
5. My teacher, _____ you have met before, will be there tonight.

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Read each sentence. Underline the relative pronoun and circle the word or phrase the relative pronoun describes.

1. The crab, which crawled slowly across the beach, was shaped like a horseshoe.
2. Mauri took her boot with a broken heel to a cobbler, who is a person who repairs shoes.
3. The delivery truck driver lost the package that I was expecting to receive today.
4. The rabbit, which was brown, burrowed into the ground to hide from the hot sun.
5. The teacher, whom I have been waiting for all morning, has finally arrived.
6. A plantain is a fruit that is similar to a banana.
7. The toddler, who was barely three years old, could recite the entire alphabet.
8. Carin looked up the meaning of the word *mechanical* in the dictionary, which is used to find the definitions of words.
9. The jury handed the envelope to the judge, who immediately opened it.
10. I have a classmate whose mother is a famous model.

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Relative Adverbs

A **relative adverb** links two clauses together, and it gives more information about a word or phrase in the sentence. The relative adverbs are **where**, **when**, and **why**.

- That is the apartment building where my grandfather lives.
- The teacher gave us the reason why the experiment failed.
- She remembered a time when computers didn't exist.

Choose the correct relative adverb from the box that fits with each sentence. Write it on the line.

where**when****why**

1. Susan told Pedro about the time _____ she visited the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2. That is the room _____ the committee will make its decision.
3. They will go to the beach _____ the sun rises.
4. Please find a seat _____ you will be comfortable.
5. A fever was the reason _____ Samir could not go to school.
6. That is the house _____ we used to live.

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Relative Adverbs

Read each sentence and write the relative adverb on the line that correctly replaces the underlined phrase.

1. _____ The United States is the country in which fifty states are located.
2. _____ Do you know the reason for which she never called?
3. _____ The date July 4, 1776, was the time in which the United States adopted the Declaration of Independence.
4. _____ One reason for which Alaska draws many visitors each year is the beauty of the state.
5. _____ The bridge is the point at which you take a left turn.
6. _____ This is the step in the recipe in which you should add the milk.
7. _____ Marta does not know the reason for which she was chosen.
8. _____ This is the wall on which we will place the framed picture.
9. _____ The pasture is the place at which you will find the cows grazing.
10. _____ That was the time in which the student was supposed to meet Mr. Wilton.

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Relative Pronouns and Relative Adverbs

Using a relative pronoun, combine the two sentences.

Write the new sentence on the lines.

1. The vegetables are in the bag. The vegetables need to be put in the refrigerator.

2. This is the playground. I like to play at this playground in the summer.

3. He is a soccer player. He is also a kicker on the football team.

Read each sentence. Underline the relative adverb.

4. April was the month when Philip was born.
5. Not getting enough sunlight is the reason why the plant turned brown.
6. Autumn is the season when the leaves turn brilliant colors.
7. Paris is the place where the Eiffel Tower stands.
8. The restaurant where we ate dinner is right around the corner.