

What are Relative Clauses?

Worksheet

Relative clauses are dependent clauses that add information about a noun. Use 'who' for people and 'which' for things: 'The man who called was Tom' / 'The book which I read was great.'

Questions

1. Which pronoun correctly completes: 'The student ____ studied hard passed.'

- A) which
- B) who
- C) that
- D) where

2. Complete: 'The book ____ I bought is interesting.'

- A) who
- B) which
- C) where
- D) when

3. What does a relative clause do?

- A) States the main action
- B) Adds information about a noun
- C) Asks a question
- D) Gives a command

4. Can 'that' replace 'who' in relative clauses?

- A) Never
- B) Only in formal writing
- C) Yes, in defining clauses
- D) Only for things

5. Complete: 'The girl ____ wins the race is fast.'

6. Complete: 'The phone ____ I lost was expensive.'

7. Combine: 'I have a friend. She speaks French.' into one sentence.

8. Define: What are relative clauses?

9. Define: When do you use 'who'?

10. Define: When do you use 'which'?

Answer Key

1. B) who — 'Who' is used for people. The student is a person.
2. B) which — 'Which' refers to things. A book is a thing, not a person.
3. B) Adds information about a noun — Relative clauses modify (add information about) a noun in the sentence.
4. C) Yes, in defining clauses — 'That' can replace 'who' or 'which' in defining (restrictive) relative clauses.
5. Identify the noun: girl (person) Choose the relative pronoun: who (for people) Final: The girl who wins the race is fast.
6. Identify the noun: phone (thing) Choose the relative pronoun: which (for things) Final: The phone which I lost was expensive.
7. Identify: friend (person) → use who Combine: I have a friend who speaks French.
8. Relative clauses are dependent clauses that add extra information about a noun in the main clause.
9. Use 'who' in relative clauses to refer to a person: 'The woman who helped me.'
10. Use 'which' in relative clauses to refer to things or animals: 'The car which broke down.'

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