

U 46 Relative clauses - with Answers

1a. Fill in the appropriate relative pronoun; in some sentences more options may be correct:

1. Jack is the man ...who..... plays the guitar in the band.
2. The cakes ...(which/that)... Mary made for us were delicious.
3. This is the castle ...(which/that)...we visited when we were on holiday.
4. The man ...who... repaired my car is a real expert.
5. The vase ...(which/that)... David broke at the party was extremely valuable.
6. Somewhere I've got a photo of the mountain .. (which/that)..... we climbed.
7. Who is that young man ...who... is talking to your mother?
8. The bus ...(which/that).. we were waiting for was half an hour late.
9. Is this the article ...(which/that).. you were interested in?
10. Where is the letter ...(which/that)... was delivered this morning?
11. I met a man ...whose.... sister is a famous actress.
12. The hotel ...where... we stayed was small but nice.
13. Did you hear ...what.. I said?

Note: in sent. 1, 4, 7 we can also use 'that' but 'who' is more common in the subject function

1b. Now decide in which sentences the relative pronoun can be left out. = answers: they are in brackets above

2. Make one sentence from two. Use **who, that, which**.

1. A kitchen is a room. You cook in this room.
= *A kitchen is a room where you cook. / A kitchen is a room (which/that) you cook in / or ... in which you cook (the last option is not so common, but correct too).*
2. A man was arrested yesterday. He robbed a bank last week.
= *The man who was arrested yesterday robbed a bank last week. Or The man who robbed a bank last week was arrested yesterday.*
3. The woman lives next door. She is a famous writer.
= *The woman who lives next door is a famous writer.*
4. The company makes furniture. John works for this company.
= *John works for this/the company which makes furniture.*

5. There was some money on my desk. Where is it?
= *Where is the money which was on my desk?*

3. *Finish the following sentences using relative clauses:*

1. A customer is someone *who buys something, especially from a shop.*
2. A widow is a woman *whose husband has died.*
3. The mobile phone is an invention *which / that changed (or has changed) our lives.*
4. A mystery is something *which/that we can't explain; or which / that cannot be explained.*
5. A dictionary is a book *which/that gives meanings of words.*

4. *Are these sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary:*

1. The old castle that we visited **it** was quite old. W – without it'; it is also possible to leave out the pronoun 'that' but we can also keep it.
2. What was the name of the film which you saw? R (we can leave out the pronoun 'which')
3. Everything **what** happened was your fault. W / which or that ('what' is not used with compounds like 'everything')
4. The man **who** daughter was kidnapped last week hired a private detective. W – whose
5. Is there anything I can do for you? R
6. Where is the cake which **it** was in the fridge? W – without it
7. The people I work with are quite friendly and helpful. R
8. Did you get the job you applied for? R
9. What's the name of the man **who** car you borrowed? W - whose
10. The last time that I saw her, she looked ill and sad. R or we can also leave out 'that'
11. Martin is someone with whom I usually agree. R and very formal / also possible:
Martin is someone (who) I usually agree with.
12. This is the village in which I was born. R / also possible ... (which) I was born in or ... where I was born.
13. This is the book about which we talked yesterday. R and formal / in speech it is more common to use the preposition at the end, i.e. This is the book (which/that) we talked about.