

Relative Clauses

Relative clauses are introduced by a **relative pronoun**. The relative pronoun you will use depends on the person or type of thing you are writing about.

Relative pronouns include:

- Who - a person or people
- Which - an object, a place or animals
- That - an object, a place or a person
- When - a time
- Where - a place

For example, look at these two simple sentences:

The Cubs took part in a challenge. They were in their house.

They were in their house is extra information, so this forms the relative clause.

Below, the relative pronoun, '**who**', is used to create a relative clause so these two simple sentences can be connected.

The Cubs, who were in their house, took part in a challenge.

Now, watch the video of Max and Harvey and see how they use to relative pronouns to create relative clauses.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLttqJHyxOI>

Activity 1: Identify and underline the relative clause in each sentence. The first one has been done for you.

- a. Alana, who has very shiny hair, always looks smart for school.
- b. My cousins live in Canada, which is a long way to go to visit!
- c. These three girls, who have worked very hard on their maths project, can have a prize each.
- d. The Peak District, which is an excellent place for walking, climbing and biking, is a national park in Derbyshire.
- e. The dog, who always jumps up at people, is called Spot.
- f. The film, which had me on the edge of my seat, was tremendously exciting!
- g. Look for the spelling in the dictionary, which is over there on the shelf.
- h. My brother, who has won many medals for his gymnastics, is competing in an event tomorrow.

Activity 2: Apply your knowledge of relative clauses to this simple sentence below to make it as interesting as it can be!

Tell me more!

Can you add relative clauses to this simple sentence to make it more interesting?

Try adding different relative pronouns to see how it changes the sentence.

that

who

whom

whose

which

Simple Sentence

Australia is a very large country.

Improved with a Relative Clause

Australia is a very large country, **which has dangerous spiders.**


