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Relative Pronouns & Adverbs

Remember this:

who --> person
that/ which --> objects or animals
which --> choice
where --> place
when --> time
why --> reason
whose --> possession
whom --> person

We use "who" to refer to people, for example, "the man **who** gave me the chocolate is Anna's fiancé." Here we identify who the person was. "That or which" is used to talk about animals or objects for example, "everybody likes the T-shirt **that/which** you bought yesterday." T-shirt is the object and therefore we used "that or which".

The same rule applies for animals; "the long-necked animal **that/ which** we saw in the zoo is called a giraffe." Bear in mind that we only use "which" for choice, for example, "I want to know **which** team is the best."

"Where" is clearly used to indicate places, for example, "this is the village **where** I grew up." For "why and when," they are used for reason and time successively, for instance, "the reason **why** villagers leave countryside is unemployment." "I will never forget the day **when** Peter asked Laura for marriage."

"Whose" is most often used for possession, for example, "the teacher **whose** car is black is of Maths." That means that the teacher who has a black car is a Math teacher. "Whom" is used to refer to the object of a verb or preposition.

Let's consider this example, "the boss **whom** you had the interview with was my classmate."

EXERCISE 1 Fill in the blanks with the right word from the list.

who - whose - that - which - where - when - why - whom

1. A lawyer is a person _____ helps people with their legal problems in the court.
2. Frank showed me the photos _____ he took in Istanbul last year.
3. The boy _____ father is a doctor had an accident yesterday.
4. Marrakesh is a beautiful city _____ tourists enjoy the hot weather and delicious food.
5. A camel is an animal _____ lives in the deserts and used to carry both people and goods.
6. The reason _____ the employees went on a strike was their low salaries.
7. I will never forget the day _____ I got married to Julia.
8. The professor with _____ I was talking is the best one in the university.

EXERCISE 2 Re-write these sentences using the words given in brackets.

1. This is the shop. The shop I bought my new glasses. (where)

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2. The man we met yesterday. The man is nice. (whom)

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3. I don't like the car. The car he sold last week. (which)

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4. The woman's husband is dead. The woman is called a widow. (whose)

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5. Illiteracy is a serious problem. This problem threatens our society. (that)

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QUIZ 2

Quiz on Relative Pronouns & Adverbs

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EXERCISE 1 Match the following relative pronouns or adverbs with their uses. (2Pts)

1. who	a. possession
2. whose	b. place
3. where	c. animal, object or choice
4. which	d. person

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the blanks with the right word from the list. (8Pts)

who - whose - that - which - where - when - why - whom

1. Nick, _____ is an excellent football player, got a lot of awards and trophies.
2. He likes the gift _____ his sister sent to him for his birthday last week.
3. This is the town _____ the president was born in 1978.
4. The man _____ jacket is brown is a famous actor in Egypt.
5. The reason _____ she refused the job was that she lives very far.
6. This is the time _____ the birds fly towards the West.
7. I want to know _____ car is the most expensive in this car show room.
8. The boss hired the woman _____ he interviewed last week.

EXERCISE 3 Re-write these sentences using the words given. (2Pts)

1. Would you like the T-shirt? The T-shirt I bought yesterday. (which)

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2. The man is wearing blue jeans. Can you call him? (who)

_____

3. The teacher talked to the student. His phone rang during the exam. (whose)

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4. Van Diesel was born in 1967 in California. Van Diesel is an American actor and director. (who)

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EXERCISE 4 Fill in each gap with the right word from the list. (8Pts)

1. The girl _____ motorbike is red is Nancy.	a. whose b. who
2. This is the candidate _____ was chosen by the jury as the best free football style this year.	a. who b. whose
3. Mr. Bean, _____ sense of humour is exceptional, is from New Castle.	a. which b. whose
4. "I need to make photocopy to the document _____ the teacher gave you last week," he said.	a. why b. that
5. The English test _____ we took last Monday was difficult.	a. which b. who
6. This is the place _____ Mr. Reed will build his new house.	a. where b. which
7. The lady to _____ I was talking is Madam Nelson from England.	a. whom b. whose
8. I can't find the dictionary _____ I borrowed from the library last week	a. when b. that

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