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Relative pronouns operate as redundancy for subjects or objects which are referred to in a relative clause. The most accepted ones are: *who, whom, which, that and whose*.

who

- can only be used for people
- used in questions: which people or group, i.e. *Who told you that?*
- points out which person or group is being referred to, i.e. *This is the girl who wanted to see you.*
- used to add further information



whom

- used as the object form of *who*, i.e. *The student to whom I was openminded is a scientist now.*
- only in very formal writing



If you like to be old-fashion formal, use "*whom*" in writing and formal styles to refer to the person, when the person is the object.



whose

- 'whose' has a possessive meaning, belongs to *who*, i.e. *Whose book is this? I wonder whose book that is.*
- Preposition + *whose* as a complement is more formal, i.e. *Elisabeth Purple, with whose colleague she used to teach, immigrated to Slovakia.*



which

- replaces the subject, only for things, not people
- refers to objects, can be left out with no Change in meaning
- object + preposition, i.e. *the place at which she arrived*
- add information, i.e. *The class, which was well prepared, was a success.*



That vs. Which

„*That*“ does **NOT** like **commas**.
„*Which*“ is **bad** with **people**.



that

- used for subjects: which are things and animals
- can be used for a person, who has a superlative complement, i.e. *best answer, greatest solution, smallest bit of information*
- can be left out, when it represents an object



Create your own 'quick'n'dirty'- rule to all relative pronouns, which are mentioned.

- Use the boxes with the bookmarks for your notes.

① Complete the sentences by using relative pronouns and underline the words which are referred to.

All Children ... the students asked were eager to give an interview.

- that who which whom

Marry met somebody last night ... did the linguistic exam two years after Jim.

- which that whom who

She destroyed the photocollage, ... upset me.

- that which whom who

You need to pick the present ... has red dots.

- who that which whose

The postman asked Steff about Mr. Miller ... address he wanted to find.

- whose whom which that

The WM- final was the best game of soccer ... I have ever seen.

- which who whose that

They had three Children, all of ... went to university.

- who which whose whom

Where is Mrs. Motivation ... is trying to convince me to study.

- who that whom which

② Game Time: *Have you heard of...?*

- 1) Pair-up and hide your „treasure“ (3 squares horizontal, vertical or diagonal) in your chart.
- 2) Your partner has the same chart, now try to locate the treasure of your partner, by using **relative pronouns**.
e.g. "Have you heard of a teacher **who** does funny games?
Direct hit: Mrs. Daddle is a teacher **who** does funny games.
Missed: No I have not heard of ...
- 3) Who found the treasure first?
Have fun!



	A	B	C	D
1	... a fish <input type="checkbox"/> lives in an anemone? Nemo	... a stone <input type="checkbox"/> only consist out of carbon? Diamond	... an animal <input type="checkbox"/> finds water on three legs? elephant	... a tree <input type="checkbox"/> leafs are needles? pine
2	... a nation <input type="checkbox"/> built geometrical memorials? Egypt	... a city <input type="checkbox"/> is famous for salt? Lüneburg	... a prince <input type="checkbox"/> just got married? Prince Harry	... an ocean in <input type="checkbox"/> you can float ? Dead Sea
3	... a fruit <input type="checkbox"/> should keep the doctor away? apple	... a dog <input type="checkbox"/> tonge is blue? Chow-Chow	... a country <input type="checkbox"/> president uses only 140 letter messages? Trump	... a fairy tale character <input type="checkbox"/> grandma turns into a wolf? Red Riding Hood
4	... a student <input type="checkbox"/> shall be a know-it-all? Hermione	... a pedagogy in <input type="checkbox"/> children can dance there names? Waldorf	... a girl <input type="checkbox"/> friends are a horse and a monkey? Pippi Longstocking	... a vegetable <input type="checkbox"/> the Germans go crazy about? Asparagus

Let's find the treasure!