

Relative Pronouns - 2



What Is a Relative Clause?

Relative clauses are subordinate clauses with relative pronouns, such as ***that, which, who/whom, whose*** or ***where***:

B&Q is a kind of store **which/that** specializes in tools and DIY.

Dr. Reynolds, **who's** a lecturer at Said Business School, is an expert on customer relationship management.

Stevenson is an architect **whose** designs have won international praise.

I've had several interviews, including one **where** I was told I'm a bit of a **perfections**, **which** surprised me.



Defining Relative Clauses

Defining clauses provide essential information about the subject or object of a sentence. Without this information, the sentence often does not make sense or has a different meaning.

When we add information about things, we can use **that** in conversation and **which** in more formal contexts:

Decorating is a job **that** I hate. (informal)

Decorating is a job **which** I hate. (formal)

When we add information about people, we generally prefer **that** in informal contexts and **who** in more formal situations. **Whom** can also be used here but it is considered very formal and rarely used in spoken English: