

Relative Clauses

Relative clauses are a specific type of **subordinate clause**. Relative clauses **adapt, describe or modify nouns** and help to add more information to sentences.

Relative clauses begin with a **relative pronoun**. Relative pronouns are **who, whose, when, where, which, that, whom**.

e.g. Jennifer, who was in year six, was very good at maths.

The underlined clause is **the relative clause** and starts with a relative pronoun (**who**).



1. Underline the relative clause in these sentences.

- a) Jamie, whose mother had forbidden him to enter the forest, quickly rode his bike home
- b) Tomorrow morning, when the sun is rising, we will head out on our hike.
- c) Georgie, who is Tom's brother, played in the swimming pool all afternoon.

2.

Tick to show which sentences include a relative clause or not.

relative
clause

no relative
clause

I've just read The hobbit, which was written by J.R.R. Tolkien

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Where are you going on holiday this year?

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My friend, whose name is Simon, is petrified of scary films.

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When will I arrive at the party?

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3. Re-write these sentences using the relative clause, including the relative pronoun given.

- a) Buckingham Palace is in London. The Queen lives there. (where)

- b) At 12.30pm it is time for lunch. The bell rings. (when)

- b) Jason loves football. He is my next door neighbour. (who)
