

Lesson 2

Relative Pronouns

Relative pronouns

The pronouns *who*, *whom*, *whose*, *which*, *that*, *what*, *whoever*, *whomever*, *whichever*, *and* *whatever*.

The **relative pronouns** are *who*, *whom*, *whose*, *which*, *that*, and *what*. Like personal pronouns, relative pronouns must agree with their antecedents.

Who, *whom*, and *whose* refer to people.

Which and *what* refer to things.

That refers to people or things.

The compound relative pronouns are *whoever*, *whomever*, *whichever*, and *whatever*. The antecedent of a compound relative pronoun may be understood by the listener or reader.

EXAMPLES

Black shoes and brown shoes are on sale.

I'll choose **whichever** is the best price. (The antecedent of *whichever* is *black shoes* or *brown shoes*.)

Whoever wants to go swimming should come now. (The antecedent of **whoever** is understood.)

Activity A Write these sentences on your paper. Circle the relative pronouns:

- 1) The car that Alex bought is blue and white.
- 2) Alex wanted a car that had four doors.
- 3) Alex's friend, who is a mechanic, inspected the car.
- 4) The mechanic gave him a written report, which Alex appreciated.
- 5) Alex also had a friend whose father owned a garage.

Activity B The relative pronouns in these sentences are in bold. Write each relative pronoun on your paper. Beside each relative pronoun, write its antecedent.

Example The car **that** Alex bought is blue and white.
that (*relative pronoun*) **car** (*antecedent*)

- 1) The man **who** owned the garage sold Alex new tires.
- 2) He is the man **whom** I met last week.
- 3) Andy likes cars **that** have four-wheel drive.
- 4) The mechanic has a car **that** is an antique.
- 5) Did you see the screwdriver **that** I was using?

Activity C Find the relative pronouns in these sentences. Write them on your paper.

- 1) Do whatever you think should be done.
- 2) My sister, who wants to be an actress, tried out for the school play.
- 3) My dog, which is a hound, barks at everyone.
- 4) You may have whatever you want for dinner.
- 5) Here are the shoes that I bought.
- 6) Andy has a friend whose cousin caught a forty-pound fish.
- 7) Whoever wants to go first should come upstairs now.
- 8) I found what I wanted.
- 9) I know the man who won the lottery.
- 10) Eleni rented the video that you wanted to see.

Activity D

Write the pronouns in the list below on your paper.

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| 1) himself | 8) bus | 15) friend |
| 2) whoever | 9) lady | 16) you |
| 3) car | 10) Ms. Woo | 17) whatever |
| 4) Andy | 11) I | 18) themselves |
| 5) which | 12) what | 19) its |
| 6) that | 13) whom | 20) happiness |
| 7) he | 14) school | 21) she |

Activity E

Make two columns on your paper. Write *Personal Pronouns* at the top of the first column. Write *Relative Pronouns* at the top of the second column. Then write the pronouns below in the correct column.

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| 1) we | 8) you | 15) whom |
| 2) that | 9) who | 16) whichever |
| 3) which | 10) ours | 17) that |
| 4) what | 11) them | 18) themselves |
| 5) mine | 12) whose | 19) whoever |
| 6) its | 13) us | 20) whatever |
| 7) I | 14) itself | 21) he |

Activity F

Write the pronoun that should appear in each sentence to make it correct.

- 1) There are the shoes (who, that) I want.
- 2) My dog, (who, which) is still a puppy, eats anything.
- 3) There is the lady (whom, what) I met last week.
- 4) I like a house (who, that) has a big yard.

Lesson 2 Review

Part A Write the relative pronouns in these sentences on your paper. Include the compound relative pronouns. Beside the pronoun, write its antecedent.

Example I like food that is very spicy.

that (*relative pronoun*) **food** (*antecedent*)

- 1) The mechanic who checked Alex's car did a good job.
- 2) Alex said to Andy and Frank, "Whoever wants to go for a ride should come now."
- 3) At the video store, choose whatever you would like to see.
- 4) There is the man whom I met in Florida.
- 5) We have steak and chicken. You may have whichever you prefer.
- 6) Will had a friend whose sister was in the play.
- 7) Did you see the jeans that I was wearing?
- 8) Deena has a ring that belonged to her grandmother.
- 9) I got the gift that I wanted for my birthday.
- 10) Theo, who is my cousin, works at the mall.

Part B Write the pronoun that should appear in each sentence to make it correct.

- 1) (Who, What) is that man?
- 2) The skateboard (who, that) Hank bought was expensive.
- 3) I need a chair (who, that) has a high back.
- 4) My sister, (who, that) is a secretary, just got a raise.
- 5) Did you see the pen (who, that) I was using?

Lesson 3

Pronouns That Ask Questions

Interrogative pronouns

Pronouns that introduce questions: who, whom, which, what, and whose.

An **interrogative pronoun** introduces a question. These pronouns are *who*, *whom*, *which*, *what*, and *whose*.

EXAMPLES

Who is planning the dance?

Whom did you ask to the dance?

Which shoes did Katie buy?

What pages are we to read for homework?

Whose book is on the table?

Who, *whom*, *which*, *what*, and *whose* are interrogative pronouns only when they ask a question.

EXAMPLES

Interrogative: **Who** is going with Andy to the dance?

Relative: Andy asked a girl **who** is in his class.

Activity A Some pronouns in these sentences are in bold. Write them on your paper. Beside each pronoun, write whether it is *interrogative* or *relative*.

- 1) **Which** season of the year do you like best?
- 2) **What** is the name of your book?
- 3) Tell me the people **who** are going to the dance.
- 4) Do you know **what** the answer is?
- 5) **Who** is your favorite singer?
- 6) **Whom** do you like the most?
- 7) He is the man **whose** billfold I found.

Interrogative pronouns must agree with their antecedents. The antecedents are the answers to the questions that the interrogative pronouns ask.

Use *who*, *whom*, or *whose* when the answer to the question is a person or people.

EXAMPLES

Who is your English teacher?

Whom did you see on the bus?

Whose idea was that?

Use *what* when the answer to the question is a thing, place, or idea.

EXAMPLES

What is the name of your street?

What are your answers to the first three questions?

Use *which* when the answer to the question is a choice between two or more definite people or things.

EXAMPLES

Which boy will win the race?

Which newspaper do you read?

Activity B Write the pronoun that should appear in each sentence to make it correct.

- 1) (Which, What) of these fish is larger?
- 2) (Which, What) do you want for dinner?
- 3) (Who, What) will win the World Series?
- 4) (Who, Whose) mother teaches at our school?
- 5) (Whom, Whose) did Kevin ask to the dance?
- 6) (Who, Which) plays third base for the team?
- 7) (Who, What) is the world's tallest building?

Activity C Make two columns on your paper. Write *Interrogative Pronouns* at the top of the first column. Write *Relative Pronouns* at the top of the second column. Then find the interrogative and relative pronouns in the sentences below. Write them in the correct column.

Example Which of the teams that you played on was the best?

Interrogative Pronouns

Which

Relative Pronouns

that

- 1) Alex has a friend whose uncle lives in Canada.
- 2) Name all of the states that you have visited.
- 3) What is the name of your book?
- 4) Choose the book that you want.
- 5) Tell me which book you like best.
- 6) Who is the coach of your baseball team?
- 7) Which tree is taller?
- 8) What is your favorite subject in school?
- 9) Do whatever you think is right.
- 10) Which of the books is the one that the author signed?

Lesson 3 Review

Part A Write the interrogative pronouns in these sentences on your paper.

- 1) Which ocean do you live closest to, Atlantic or Pacific?
- 2) Who wrote that book?
- 3) What country does Queen Elizabeth rule?
- 4) Whose jacket is on the chair?
- 5) Whom did you see at the mall?

Part B Write the pronouns in these sentences on your paper. Beside each pronoun, write whether it is *personal*, *relative*, or *interrogative*.

Example What is the movie that you saw yesterday?

What — interrogative

that — relative

you — personal

- 1) It was Friday night. Alex and Andy talked about what they would like to do.
- 2) "What is playing at the movies?" Alex asked.
- 3) "Whatever is playing is okay with me," Andy said.
- 4) "Which theater should we go to?" Alex asked.
- 5) "The theater that has the best prices," Andy joked.
- 6) "Who else might like to go with us?" Alex asked.
- 7) "I think that I will ask Katie," Andy answered.
- 8) Alex thought for a moment about which girl he could ask.
- 9) "What is the name of Katie's friend? Is it Laura? I think that I will ask her," Alex decided.
- 10) "Whoever you decide to ask, make it quick. The movie starts soon," Andy said.