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L.I. Can I identify and use relative clauses in my writing?

## Relative Clauses

Relative clauses are additional clauses that give additional information about the noun (subject) in the sentence.

The dog went for a walk to the park.

Dog and park are both nouns in this sentence – this is where you would add a relative clause to.

When writing a relative clause, you **must** start it with a relative pronoun (see following page).

Look at how the above sentence has been modified. For this sentence, I have added information to the noun 'park' – this means that the additional information is related to this word.

The dog went for a walk to the park ***that has a lake in the centre of it.***

Now .... Look at how this sentence has been modified to add more information about the noun (dog). Notice the commas that have been used around the relative clause (the additional information) because the noun is in the middle of the sentence and not at the end.

The dog, ***which was a white and brown poodle,*** went for a walk to the park.

Now... Look at this sentence where both the nouns have been modified. Look at the different relative pronouns and the commas.

The dog, ***which was a white and brown poodle,*** went for a walk to the park ***that has a lake in the centre of it.***

# RELATIVE PRONOUNS



WHO

It is used to refer to people

Example: The man who works at the Post Office is very kind.



WHICH

It is used to refer to animals and objects

Example: Tina has a bunch of flowers which his friend bought.



WHOSE

It is used to refer to possession

Example: Whose is that dictionary?

Have you seen the girl whose father ..

THAT

It is used to refer to people, animals,

It can replace WHO or WHICH

Example: The blue jacket that she is putting on belongs to her friend.



WHERE

It is used to refer to places

The hotel where we slept was excellent

WHEN

It is used to refer to time

That was the day when my sister was born



Task 1. Identify the relative clauses (circle) and the relative clauses (underline) in each of these sentences.

E.g. The dog, which ran off as soon as he was taken off the lead, went to the park.

Jim, who was an overweight whale, bumped his head on an oil tanker as he swam.

The villain marched across the crater that had once been a playing-field full of flowers.

The police officer called to his partner who ignored him and continued to eat his doughnut.

I'm looking for a minion that can use Word 2010.

The man, who lives next door to me, might be a werewolf.

Task 2. Match the correct (embedded) relative clause with the sentence start and sentence end and write them up. Don't forget the commas around the embedded clause if you are embedding it.

E.g. Berty, who has a mean mouth, shouted loudly.

Sentence Starts	Embedded Clause	Sentence Ends
Bert <span style="color: red;">y</span>	<span style="color: green;">which had sharp teeth</span>	<span style="color: blue;">cried bitterly.</span>
Bill	<span style="color: green;">which was green</span>	<span style="color: blue;">dived under.</span>
Carter	<span style="color: green;">which was covered in spots</span>	<span style="color: blue;">flew away.</span>
Mr Snake <span style="color: red;">y</span> e	<span style="color: green;">who was red faced</span>	<span style="color: blue;">held on tightly.</span>
Mr Wiggle	<span style="color: green;">who had on a green hat</span>	<span style="color: blue;">held the gun.</span>
Mrs Biggerstuff	<span style="color: green;">who was wearing a cloak</span>	<span style="color: blue;">hid by the car.</span>
Mrs Windscreen	<span style="color: green;">who had a mean mouth</span>	<span style="color: blue;">hissed angrily.</span>
The dog	<span style="color: green;">who wore dark sunglasses</span>	<span style="color: blue;">mumbled.</span>
The parrot	<span style="color: green;">who was thin as a pole</span>	<span style="color: blue;">ran home.</span>
The policeman	<span style="color: green;">who had no teeth</span>	<span style="color: blue;">shouted loudly.</span>
The snake	<span style="color: green;">who had gnarled fingers</span>	<span style="color: blue;">slipped over.</span>
The teacher	<span style="color: green;">who wore red 'Speedo' trunks</span>	<span style="color: blue;">tripped over.</span>
Yan	<span style="color: green;">who had a wig on</span>	<span style="color: blue;">whistled.</span>

Task 3. Using the pictures below, write some sentences which include relative clauses in different positions (at the end of the sentence as well as embedded into the middle of one).



E.g. The tooth -fairy checked the tooth which had fallen out of the princess's mouth.

The mouse, who was very sly, ate the cheese that was mouldy.

