Relative Clauses

who · which · that · where · when · whose · B1 · Answers on the last page.

THE RULE

Relative pronouns: who (people) · which (things) · that (people/things) · where (places) · when (times) (times) · whose (possession).

Defining clause — essential information, no commas:
The woman who called is my boss.

Non-defining clause — extra information, with commas, and never 'that':
My car, which is red, is quite old.

You can leave out who/which/that when it is the object: The film (that) we saw was great.

1 Complete with who, which or where.

1 That's the man _____ helped me yesterday.

2 This is the book _____ won the prize.

3 That's the restaurant _____ we first met.

4 She's the teacher _____ teaches us English.

5 A dictionary is a book _____ explains words.

6 London is the city _____ I was born.

2 Complete with whose, when or where.

1 That's the girl _____ dog bit me.

2 Summer is the season _____ we go on holiday.

3 He's the boy _____ bike was stolen.

4 This is the hotel _____ we stayed last year.

5 1990 is the year _____ I was born.

6 She's the woman _____ car is outside.

3 Choose the correct relative pronoun.

1 The phone (who / which) I bought is great.

2 The woman (which / who) lives here is very nice.

3 That's the park (where / which) we played as kids.

4 He's the man (whose / who's) wife is a doctor.

5 Is this the key (which / who) opens the door?

6 Monday is the day (when / where) I start work.

4 Join the two sentences with a relative clause.

1 *The man is my uncle. He is talking to Mum.*

2 *I like the dress. You are wearing it.*

3 *That's the school. I studied there.*

4 *She's the woman. Her son won the prize.*

5 *This is the film. It won an Oscar.*

5 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 *The man which called was angry.*

2 *That's the house where I was born in.*

3 *She's the girl who's bag is red.*

4 *The book who I read was boring.*

Soluciones

Answer key.

1 · who / which / where

1 who 2 which 3 where 4 who 5 which 6 where

2 · whose / when / where

1 whose 2 when 3 whose 4 where 5 when 6 whose

3 · Choose

1 which 2 who 3 where 4 whose 5 which 6 when

4 · Join with a relative clause

1 The man who is talking to Mum is my uncle.
2 I like the dress (that) you are wearing.
3 That's the school where I studied.
4 She's the woman whose son won the prize.
5 This is the film which won an Oscar.

5 · Error correction

1 The man who called was angry. 2 That's the house where I was born.
3 She's the girl whose bag is red. 4 The book which / that I read was boring.