Relative Pronouns

A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun. Pronouns allow us to speak and write more clearly, avoiding repetition.

Examples:

I, he, she, me, you, we, they, it.

A relative clause begins with a relative pronoun and provides more information about the subject (noun or pronoun) it relates to.

The most common **relative pronouns** are who, whom, whose, which and that.

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We use 'who', and 'whom', when we are referring to people.



We use 'which', when we are referring to things.



We use 'that', and 'whose', to refer to people and things.

Relative Clauses

Relative pronouns are used to make it clear which person or thing we are talking about.

Example:

Where is the girl who lost her dog?





Which girl is the speaker referring to?

The boy who lives next door is six years old.



Which boy is the speaker referring to?

I like the cake that Mrs Collins baked.





Which cake is the speaker referring to?