

Relative pronouns



Une proposition relative permet de donner une information qui porte sur un groupe nominal.

Le pronom relatif représente ce groupe nominal et introduit la proposition relative.

Ex : *I saw a black cat, **which** was sleeping in the sunshine*

→ « which » est le pronom relatif, il introduit la proposition relative (soulignée), qui donne une information sur le groupe nominal « a black cat »

Il y a **deux types de propositions relatives** : celles qui n'apportent qu'un élément supplémentaire (qui n'est pas déterminant pour comprendre de qui/quoi on parle) et celles qui sont indispensables pour distinguer de quel élément on parle (pour cette raison, ces propositions déterminantes ne sont pas précédées de virgule).

Ex : *the black cat **that** I saw outside is probably Jenny's (cat)*

Pronoms relatifs pour parler **d'êtres humains**:

	Proposition non déterminante	Proposition déterminante
Sujet de la relative	who	that / who
Objet de la relative	whom	that / Ø / (whom)
Lien de "possession"	whose	whose

Pronoms relatifs pour parler **d'éléments non humains, d'objets, d'idées, etc**

	Proposition non déterminante	Proposition déterminante
Sujet de la relative	which	that / which
Objet de la relative	which	that / Ø / (which)
Lien de "possession"	the of which	the ... of which
Pour un lieu	where	where
Pour un moment, une date	when	when

Pronoms relatifs correspondants à 'ce que'

Proposition non déterminante	Proposition déterminante
which	what

Ex : *John left to Japan, **which** surprised me.*

Ex : ***What** surprised me was that John left to Japan.*



Exercise: Complete the sentences with the correct relative pronouns:

1. She is the woman _____ discovered a new chemical element.
2. They watched that film, _____ proved to be very boring.
3. _____ you don't know is that they'll be back in March.
4. We arrived on the day _____ there was a terrible storm.
5. This is the best series _____ we have ever watched !
6. My uncle is a friendly person, _____ you can always talk to.
7. All _____ they remember is that they had a lot of fun !
8. This university, _____ I studied when I was young, is the place in _____ I also met my best friends.

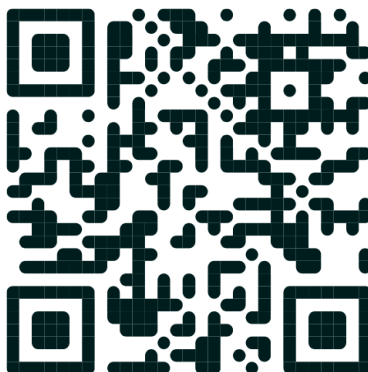
PRONOUNS: CORRECTION

Exercise: Complete the sentences with the correct relative pronouns:

1. She is the woman WHO / THAT discovered a new chemical element.
2. They watched that film, WHICH / (THAT) proved to be very boring.
3. WHAT you don't know is that they'll be back in March.
4. We arrived on the day WHEN there was a terrible storm.
5. This is the best series THAT / ø we have ever watched !
6. My uncle is a friendly person, WHOM you can always talk to.
7. All THAT / ø they remember is that they had a lot of fun !
8. This university, WHERE I studied when I was young, is the place in WHICH I also met my best friends.

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