

5 Pronouns

Here are a few exercises with relative pronouns. (Check <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/645/01/>, .../resource/645/02/ and /resource/645/03/ if you are unsure. You can also postpone this until we discuss postmodification)

Practice Run 1 *Put commas where they are needed:*

1. The man who called here last night must have been Jeremy Taylor
2. Jeremy Taylor , who called here last night left , this message for you
3. The theatre to which we were taken was the oldest one in Paris
4. The theatre , to which we were taken every week , was a great delight to us
5. All the articles over there , which were given to us by well wishers , are to be sold to raise money for Albania
6. All the articles you see here are to be sold to raise money for Albania
7. The students whose names are on this list must sit the examination again
8. The demonstrators (,) whose names had already been taken by the police (,) refused to move
9. Roses do very well in my garden , which is a perfect paradise in June
10. Many things grow in my garden which I never planted there

Insert the correct relative pronoun:

1. That book Ø **that which** you lent me is totally boring
2. I threw it out of the window when I finally finished reading it , **which** was really silly of me I know
3. This is a rare butterfly. The female, **which** is larger than the male but **whose** colouring is less distinctive rarely comes down to the ground level but remains among the higher branches of certain trees **whose** fruit it lives on
4. Anyone **who** has a sense of rhythm can dance , **which** is incidentally one of the best ways of keeping fit.
5. My grandfather, **who** is over eighty still enjoys a game of golf though the course Ø **that which** he plays on is a rather hilly one, **which** is not very good for his heart
6. She was the most beautiful woman Ø **that who** he had ever met, **which** is saying something
7. Dogs, **which/ who/that** are likely to bite strangers should be kept on a chain
8. I don't think you'll have any problems getting all Ø **that which** you want from the village shop

Make one sentence of the following using relatives and any necessary punctuation:

1. The house where we stay during the holidays stands in the middle of a wood beyond which is the sea.
2. The room which has windows facing south and east is square.
3. There were three old books left on the stall, one of which looked like a first edition.
4. In the attic we found some antique furniture, none of which was worth restoring.
5. The castle, whose walls rise to a height of thirty feet, commands a magnificent view of the bay.
6. Cambridge which has a student population of about twelve thousand, most of which used to be men but nowadays almost half of which are women, has been a university town for several centuries.