Relative clauses and Contact clauses

Relative Clauses:
1) Das Relativpronomen “who” verwendet man für **Menschen und Tiere mit Namen**:
   
   *I know a man who lives here.* – ... *einen Mann, der hier lebt.*
2) Das Relativpronomen “which” verwendet man für **Dinge**:
   
   *I know a game which we can play.* – ... *ein Spiel, das wir spielen können.*
3) Das Relativpronomen “that” kann man für **Menschen und Dinge verwenden**:
   
   *I know a man / a game that is really nice.*
4) Das Relativpronomen “whose” übersetzt man mit **dessen oder deren**.
   
   *I know a man whose daughter lives here.* – ... *einen Mann, dessen Tochter hier lebt.*

Contact clauses:
Die Pronomen *which* und *who* kann man weglassen, wenn sie das Objekt des Relativsatzes darstellen. Also:

*I know a man who lives in London.*

- who ist das Subjekt (**wer** lebt in London?) – es kann nicht weggelassen werden.

*I know a man who we often meet.*

- who ist das Objekt (**wen** treffen wir oft?) – es kann weggelassen werden:

*I know a man we often meet.*

TIPP Ein Subjekt-Relativpronomen erkennt man auch leicht daran, dass ihm ein Verb folgt (who **lives**). Einem Objekt-Relativpronomen folgt hingegen ein Substantiv oder Personalpronomen (who **we** meet).

**MerkSpruch:**

*Folgt ein Verb nach which und who, gehören beide stets dazu!*  

EXERCISE 1 Fill in who or which. (Put the relative pronoun in brackets if you can leave it out.)

*Setze who oder which ein. Setze das Relativpronomen in Klammern, wenn du es auslassen kannst.*

a) Nick is a boy ________ is in my class.
b) I have a new computer game ________ I can show you.
c) This is the book ________ we read in class.
d) Look, there is the teacher ________ gave me a bad mark.
e) The boy ________ moved here last week hasn’t made any friends yet.
f) The present ________ I got from my grandma was great.
g) She told me some stories ________ I didn’t know before.
h) Kangaroos are animals ________ live in Australia.
i) My dog Teddy, ________ is a German Shepherd, likes to go for long walks.
j) Do you have the pencil ________ I lent you?
k) Let’s look at the plan ________ our teacher gave us.
l) I have a friend ________ works at a supermarket.
m) There are lots of interesting things ________ you can do around here.

l) Joe has a brother ________ lives in India.
m) The DVDs ________ we bought yesterday don’t work. Let’s take them back to the store.
n) There is the letter ________ my grandma sent me!
o) I have seen the woman ________ moved into the old house.
p) The people ________ we visited were really nice.
q) I have read the magazine ________ we found on the bus.
r) Peter has met a girl ________ speaks eight languages.
s) My friends have a neighbor ________ collects old books.
t) Let’s paint the table ________ we got at the flea market.
u) The kids ________ we met at summer camp are going to visit us next year.
v) I finally found the keys ________ I lost two weeks ago.
w) The young man ________ plays the piano is practicing again.
x) On my way to work I saw a cat ________ was sitting on a wall.
y) I heard a sound ________ came from over there.
z) They interviewed the professor ________ wrote the book.

EXERCISE 2 Connect the two sentences using whose.
Verbinde die beiden Sätze, indem du whose benutzt.
a) Example: I have a friend. His father has a restaurant. -> I have a friend whose father has a restaurant.
b) A girl lives in the red house. Her brother is in my class.
A girl whose __________________________________________________________
c) I know two authors. Their books are great.
I know __________________________________________________________________________
d) There is a dog. Its owner is in the shop.
_________________________________________________________________________________
e) Two men are sitting next to us. Their jackets are green.
_________________________________________________________________________________
f) I have a brother. His girlfriend is from Italy.
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EXERCISE 3 Whose or who? Circle the right answer.
Whose oder who? Kreise die richtige Antwort ein.
a) Look, there is the man who / whose works with my father.
b) I have an aunt who / whose we visit every year.
c) JK Rowling is an author who / whose books I have always liked.
d) The police have caught the thief who / whose stole the Jewels.
e) The children who / whose parents have little money can have the books for free.
f) The boys who / whose books are still in the classroom must go back and get them.
g) The singers, who / whose fans are already waiting, will come out soon.
h) The girl who / whose friend broke her arm is visiting her in hospital.
i) The shop assistant who / whose knows my mum is not here.
EXERCISE 4 Fill in the correct relative pronoun – who, which or whose. Put the relative pronoun in brackets if you can leave it out.
*Setze who, which oder whose ein. Setze das Relativpronomen in Klammern, wenn du es auslassen kannst.*

a) The man ___________ is working in the garden is our neighbor.
b) Have you seen the guinea pig ___________ my parents got me?
c) Today I met the boy ___________ father died in the accident. I feel sorry for him.
d) I want a robot ___________ can do my homework for me.
e) The girl ___________ we haven’t seen in weeks has returned to school.
f) The kids ___________ are playing in the garden are my little brothers.
g) Dean loved the present ___________ we bought for him.
h) There are many games ___________ you can play outside.
i) The piano was the first instrument ___________ I learned to play.
j) The teacher ___________ taught me to play the piano was very nice.
k) I need to find someone ___________ can help me with my homework.
l) It’s not easy to find a book ___________ everyone likes.
m) The kids helped the hedgehog ___________ couldn’t get out of the hole.

EXERCISE 5 Connect the two sentences using a relative pronoun. Leave out the pronoun if you can.
*Verbinde die beiden Sätze mit einem Relativpronomen. Lasse das Pronomen weg, wenn du kannst.*

Example: The Rhine is a river. It flows through Germany.
*The Rhine is a river which flows through Germany.*

a) She knows a man. He has a shop.

b) I saw the big bird. My sister had seen it before.

c) We have a dog. We bought it five months ago.

d) My dad planted a tree. It is growing fast.

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