

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.

- Nick is a boy _____ is in my class.
- I have a new computer game _____ I can show you.
- This is the book _____ we read in class.
- Look, there is the teacher _____ gave me a bad mark.
- The boy _____ moved here last week hasn't made any friends yet.
- The present _____ I got from my grandma was great.
- She told me some stories _____ I didn't know before.
- Kangaroos are animals _____ live in Australia.
- My dog Teddy, _____ is a German Shepherd, likes to go for long walks.
- Do you have the pencil _____ I lent you?
- Let's look at the plan _____ our teacher gave us.
- I have a friend _____ works at a supermarket.
- There are lots of interesting things _____ you can do around here.
- Joe has a brother _____ lives in India.
- 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.

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.
- n) The kittens _____ were born last week are very cute.
- o) That's the boy _____ mobile phone I found at school. He was very happy to have it back.

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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