

# Relative Clauses

We use them to identify people and things, give more information .



*relative pronouns: refer back to a noun*

which | who | whom | whose | that

**which** → things

*The laptop has broken down. The laptop is mine.*

→ *The laptop, **which** has broken down, is mine.*

**who** → people (subject)

*The student helped me. The student is from Canada.*

→ *The student **who** helped me is from Canada.*

**whom** → a person (object) *formal*

*You met a student. The student is Brazilian.*

→ *The student **whom** you met is Brazilian.*

**whose** → possession

*I bought a book from this author. This author lives here*

→ *The author **whose** book I bought lives here.*

**that** → people or things

*You recommended the book. The book was excellent.*

→ *The book **that** you recommended was excellent.*

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*other relatives: replace a phrase*

where | when | why | what

**where** → the place at/in which

*The house **at which** I grew up is old.*

→ *The house **where** I grew up is old.*

**when** → the time at/in/on which

*2021 was the year **in which** we met.*

→ *2021 was the year **when** we met.*

**why** → the reason for which

*This is exactly **the reason for which** she left.*

→ *This is exactly **why** she left.*

**what** → the thing(s) that

*I like **the thing that** you wrote.*

→ *I like **what** you wrote.*