

Advanced Relative Clauses

Sentential relatives, preposition+which/whom, free relatives

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

'Which' refers to whole clauses; prep+whom is formal.

1 Sentential & Formal Relatives

EASY

Choose the correct relative pronoun.

Word bank: which / on which / with whom / in which

1. Arrived late, ____ annoyed everyone.

3. Report ____ we based decision.

5. Building ____ conference held.

7. Committee ____ proposal submitted.

9. Circumstances ____ they arrived.

2. Went bankrupt, ____ no surprise.

4. Professor ____ she had studied.

6. He resigned, ____ left no leader.

8. Passed every exam, ____ delighted.

10. Letter ____ minister never replied.

2 Whoever / Whatever / Whichever

MEDIUM

Choose the correct free relative.

Word bank: Whoever / wherever / whatever / whichever

1. ____ arrives first sets up room.

3. ____ she goes, makes friends.

5. Prize to ____ scores highest.

7. I'll support ____ you decide.

9. Give it to ____ needs it most.

2. Choose ____ colour you prefer.

4. ____ said that misunderstood.

6. Pass message to ____ in charge.

8. ____ the cost, it must be done.

10. ____ happens, stay calm.

3 Formal vs Informal Relatives

HARD

Rewrite informally or formally.

Word bank: whom/which with preposition fronted

1. Formal: whom the letter addressed.

3. Formal: in which it took place.

5. Informal: 'formal: report we used.

7. Correct or incorrect: 'with who'?

9. 'That' vs 'which' in non-defining.

2. Formal: on which they relied.

4. Formal: to whom she spoke.

6. Formal: by which she succeeded.

8. Formal: from which she came.

10. Sentential: She won, ____ shocked.

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Complete the Relative Clause

VERY HARD

Complete with one word or phrase.

1. She won, ____ amazed the crowd.

3. The man ____ car was stolen called.

5. ____ arrives first opens the door.

7. She called whoever ____ available.

9. The board ____ report submitted.

2. The city ____ she was born is old.

4. Report ____ decision was based wrong.

6. I'll take ____ option is cheapest.

8. Building ____ signed is historical.

10. He left, ____ caused a problem.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Sentential & Formal Relatives

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|-------------|------------|
| 1 which | 6 which |
| 2 which | 7 to which |
| 3 on which | 8 which |
| 4 with whom | 9 in which |
| 5 in which | 10 to whom |

2 Exercise 2 Whoever / Whatever / Whichever

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|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 Whoever | 6 whoever |
| 2 whichever / whatever | 7 whatever |
| 3 Wherever | 8 Whatever |
| 4 Whoever | 9 whoever |
| 5 whoever | 10 Whatever |

3 Exercise 3 Formal vs Informal Relatives

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| 1 to whom the letter was addressed | 6 the method by which she succeeded |
| 2 the report on which they relied | 7 Incorrect (should be 'with whom') |
| 3 the venue in which it took place | 8 the place from which she came |
| 4 the person to whom she spoke | 9 'that' cannot be used in non-defining |
| 5 the report on which we based our decision | 10 which |

4 Exercise 4 Complete the Relative Clause

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 which | 6 whichever |
| 2 in which / where | 7 who was |
| 3 whose | 8 in which the treaty was |
| 4 on which | 9 to which the report was submitted |
| 5 Whoever | 10 which |