

Relative Pronouns and Clauses - Worksheet 2 - ANSWERS

***** Exercise 1: Sentence Correction - ANSWERS

- 1. X The man which lives next door is very friendly.
 - ✓ The man who lives next door is very friendly.
 - → Use "who" for people, not "which."
- 2. X That's the hotel **when** we stayed last summer.
 - That's the hotel where we stayed last summer.
 - → "Where" is used for places, not "when."
- 3. X This is the girl who's brother is a pilot.
 - ✓ This is the girl whose brother is a pilot.
 - → "Whose" shows possession; "who's" means "who is."
- 4. X The book **what** you gave me was very interesting.
 - The book that you gave me was very interesting.
 - → "What" is incorrect in relative clauses; use "that" or "which."
- 5. X The teacher, who I respect a lot, was promoted.
 - The teacher, whom I respect a lot, was promoted.
 - \rightarrow *Use* "whom" when referring to the object (formal).
- 6. X The house **whose** we bought needs renovation.
 - ✓ The house which we bought needs renovation.
 - \rightarrow "Whose" is for possession, not objects.
- 7. \times Do you know the reason **when** she left?
 - ✓ Do you know the reason why she left?
 - → Use "why" for reasons, not "when."
- 8. X I saw a film **who** made me cry.
 - ✓ I saw a film **which** made me cry.
 - \rightarrow Use "which" for things, not "who."
- 9. X The woman **whom** bag was stolen looked very upset.
 - ✓ The woman whose bag was stolen looked very upset.
 - → "Whose" is for possession, not "whom."
- 10. X That's the city which I was born.
 - ✓ That's the city where I was born.
 - → Use "where" for places, not "which."



Exercise 2: Transformation (Using Relative Clauses) - ANSWERS

- 1. She is the girl **who** won the singing competition.
- 2. This is my best friend, who lives in Spain.
- 3. We visited a museum which had a great art collection.
- 4. That's the man **from whom** I borrowed money. (formal)
 - \rightarrow Less formal: That's the man who I borrowed money from.
- 5. I remember the day when I first met you.
- 6. The hotel where we stayed last summer was amazing.
- 7. The woman who helped us was very friendly.
- 8. That's the school where I studied.
- 9. I met a boy whose mother is a famous author.
- 10. That's the reason why I don't trust him.

Explanation:

- "Who" for people \rightarrow She is the girl who won the competition.
- "Which" for things \rightarrow We visited a museum which had a great collection.
- "Where" for places \rightarrow The hotel where we stayed was amazing.
- "When" for time \rightarrow I remember the day when I met you.
- "Whose" for possession \rightarrow I met a boy whose mother is famous.

© Key Takeaways for Students

- ✓ Use "who" for people (The woman who lives next door is kind.)
- ✓ Use "which" for things (The car which broke down is old.)
- ✓ Use "whose" for possession (The boy whose dog ran away is sad.)
- ✓ Use "where" for places (This is the city where I was born.)
- ✓ Use "when" for time (1990 was the year when they got married.)
- ✓ Use "why" for reasons (That's the reason why I left.)
- ✓ Never use "what" as a relative pronoun (I like the book that you gave me, NOT \times the book what you gave me.)
- ✓ "Whom" is formal but often replaced with "who" in modern English.