

Relative Clauses

Background - Relative clauses are used to add important information to sentences. They are introduced by a relative pronoun or adverb (although these can sometimes be omitted). The most common ones are *that*, *who*, *where*, and *when*. Relative clauses are very common.

	<u>Example</u>
<i>that</i> – follows an animal or object	The dog <i>that is black</i> ate my homework.
<i>who</i> – follows a person	The boy <i>who is holding an apple</i> is sick.
<i>where</i> – follows a place	That was <i>where my brother fell down</i> .
<i>when</i> – follows a time	That day <i>when I was absent</i> was when they had the test.

Practice using relative clauses. **Directions:** Use each relative clause in a sentence.

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Basic

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| 1) who was clapping | 6) that rolled away |
| 2) that ran away | 7) where we met |
| 3) who I just met | 8) who fell |
| 4) where he fell | 9) when I remembered |
| 5) when I got here | 10) that she was wearing |
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Expanded

- 1) where my sister had the accident
- 2) that hid under the sofa
- 3) who introduced my two friends
- 4) when I had the most fun
- 5) when he broke his brother's favorite game
- 6) that I didn't want to win
- 7) where everybody goes to hang out after school