



UNIT 17. DEFINING AND NON- DEFINING RELATIVE CLAUSES

UNIT 26. RELATIVE PRONOUNS

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1. *THAT* INSTEAD OF *WHO*, *WHICH*.

- Can we use *that* instead of *which* and *who* in the following sentences?:

A.1.) *That's the car **which/that** I used to own.*

A.2.) *That car, **which/that** I used to own 10 years ago, has recently been removed from the market.*

B.1.) *The hotel **which/that** was above the cliff was impressive.*

B.2.) *The hotel, **which/that** was a hundred years old, was very comfortable.*

C.1.) *That is the person **who/that** I sold my car to.*

C.2.) *My cousin Daniel, **who/that** I will be seeing soon, lives in the USA.*

D.1.) *That is the person **who/that** bought my car.*

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1. THAT INSTEAD OF WHO, WHICH

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DEFINING THING OBJECT RELATIVE CLAUSE.

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NON-DEFINING THING OBJECT RELATIVE CLAUSE.

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DEFINING PERSON SUBJECT RELATIVE CLAUSE.

D.2.) *My cousin Daniel, **who** will be nine soon, lives in the USA.*

NON-DEFINING PERSON SUBJECT RELATIVE CLAUSE.

THAT can only be used instead of *who* or *which* in defining object and subject relative clauses.

That is only correct in A.1.) B.1.) C.1.) and D.1.).



- ***That* cannot be used after a preposition:**

- ***This is the car (that/which) I paid € 8,000 for. (Everyday speech).***
- ***This is the car for which I paid € 8,000. (Formal).***
- ****This is the car for that I paid € 8,000.***



2. OMITTING THE RELATIVE PRONOUN

- Can you omit the relative pronoun in the following sentences?:

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NON-DEFINING PERSON SUBJECT RELATIVE CLAUSE.

The relative pronoun can only be omitted in defining object (thing and person) relative clauses.

The relative pronoun can only be omitted in A.1) and C.1.).



3. WHOSE

- **Whose** means *of whom* and *of which*.
- Do we use it in defining or non-defining relative clauses?
- Can we omit it?
 - *The shop **whose** clothes I love is about to close.*
 - *This shop, **whose** clothes I love, is about to close.*



3. WHOSE

Whose means **of whom** and **of which**.

Do we use it in defining or non-defining relative clauses? **BOTH**.

Can we omit it? **NO!**

*The shop **whose** clothes I love is about to close.*

*This shop, **whose** clothes I love, is about to close.*



4. WHOM

- ***Whom* is the object form of *who*.**
- **It can be used as**
 - **A) the object of a verb:**
 - ***The man *whom* I met at the reception is the Ambassador. (Formal).***
 - **B) after prepositions:**
 - ***This is the person I sold my car *to*. (Everyday speech).***
 - ***This is the person *to whom* I sold my car. (Formal).***



5. WHAT

- Which of the following sentences is correct?:
 - *Everything **what** they said was true.*
 - *I gave her all the money **what** I had.*
 - *Did you hear **what** they said?*



- **WHAT = the thing(s) that.**
 - **Everything **what** they said was true.*
 - *Everything (**that**) they said was true.*
 - **I gave her all the money **what** I had.*
 - *I gave her all the money (**that**) I had.*
 - *Did you hear **what** they said?*

 - **Remember: (...): you can omit it.**