

Joining two sentences using a relative pronoun

Relative pronouns are words like who, which and that. A relative pronoun serves two purposes. It acts as the subject or the object of the verb in its clause. It also serves as a conjunction connecting the two clauses.

Study the examples given below.

I have a friend. She lives in New England.

I have a friend who lives in New England.

Here the relative pronoun 'who' is the subject of the clause 'who lives in New England'. It also connects the two clauses.

Combine each of the following pairs of sentences using appropriate relative pronouns.

1. He is a cheerful boy

..... everybody loves.

who

whom

which

2. This is the house
Jack built.

that

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what

who

3. He is the person
..... I want to see.

who

whom

which

4. He is the offender
..... the police have
arrested.

who

which

whom

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5. My father, hardly received any formal education, went on to become a great leader.

who

that

whom

6. He was my teacher I will never forget.

who

whom

which

7. This is the player the committee selected captain.

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who

whom

which

8. That is the road
..... leads to the
railway station.

which

what

where

9. My uncle,
had been ailing for a while, died last week.

who

which

whom

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10. The car was going at over 100 mph dashed against a tree.

what

which

who

Answers

1. He is a cheerful boy whom everybody loves.
2. This is the house that Jack built.
3. He is the person whom I want to see.
4. He is the offender whom the police have arrested.
5. My father, who hardly received any formal education, went on to become a great leader.
6. He was my teacher whom I will never forget.
7. This is the player whom the committee selected captain.
8. That is the road which leads to the railway station.
9. My uncle, who had been ailing for a while, died last week.

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10. The car which was going at over 100 mph dashed against a tree.