

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> |
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| <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

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