

ADVANCED RELATIVE CLAUSES

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4. Prepositions in relative clauses

Rewrite the sentences in two ways: formal and informal.

Example:

I work with a woman. I told you about her.

→ Formal: The woman about whom I told you is very kind.

→ Informal: The woman who I told you about is very kind.

1. This is the project. I told you about it.
   Formal: _____
   Informal: _____
2. That's the man. I was speaking to him.
   Formal: _____
   Informal: _____
3. She is the person. I got the information from her.
   Formal: _____
   Informal: _____
4. These are the keys. I was looking for them.
   Formal: _____
   Informal: _____

5. Reduce the relative clauses

Make the sentences shorter by removing the relative pronoun + be (where possible).

1. The man who is sitting next to the window is my boss. _____
2. The books which were left on the table belong to Sarah. _____
3. Anyone who wants to join the club should speak to Mark. _____
4. The photos that were taken last summer are on my phone. _____
5. The people who live next door are very friendly. _____

6. Complete the text with suitable relative clauses

Use the information in brackets.

Last year I visited a small town _____ (I used to live there as a child).

The house _____ (my grandparents lived in it) is still there.

I met an old teacher _____ (her name is Mrs Ellis).

She showed me the school _____ (I studied there for six years).

It was a trip _____ (I will never forget it).

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Answer Key

4. Prepositions (model answers)

1. Formal: This is the project about which I told you.
   Informal: This is the project which/that I told you about.
2. Formal: That's the man to whom I was speaking.
   Informal: That's the man who/that I was speaking to.
3. Formal: She is the person from whom I got the information.
   Informal: She is the person who/that I got the information from.
4. Formal: These are the keys for which I was looking.
   Informal: These are the keys which/that I was looking for.

5. Reduce the relative clauses

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   (Note: "who live" can also stay as defining; reduction is optional here)

6. Complete the text (model answers)

where I used to live as a child
which/that my grandparents lived in
whose name is Mrs Ellis
where I studied for six years
which/that I will never forget

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