

A relative pronoun can be the object of the adjective clause.

He discussed the hobbies. He has hobbies.

He discussed the hobbies **that** he has.

**which**

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The woman

likes sports.

He met her.

The woman **that** he met likes sports.

**who(m)**

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### LANGUAGE NOTE:

The correct relative pronoun for people is *whom*. However, in conversation, *who* is often heard. Or the relative pronoun is omitted completely:

*Formal:* The woman *whom* he met likes sports.

*Informal:* The woman *who* he met likes sports.

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### EXERCISE 1

Fill in each blank with *who(m)*, or *which*. Do not use *that* in this exercise.

**Example:** The politician           (who)           we met was very friendly.

- I got tickets to the concert           (which [that])           you told me about.
- The movie           (which [that])           we saw yesterday was excellent.
- There goes the person           (who)           I'm going to marry.
- The envelope           (which [that])           you sent me had nothing in it.
- The woman           (who)           you spoke to was my mother.
- I liked the book           (which [that])           you gave me.
- I have friends           who           like to get together whenever possible.
- The doctor said to avoid foods           which [that]           have a high sugar content.
- I like a man           who           knows what he wants.
- The food           (which [that])           we ate was very spicy.

**EXERCISE 2**

Underline the adjective clause in each sentence. Then cross out the relative pronoun to make each sentence or question informal. Rewrite each sentence with no relative pronoun.

**Example:** Did you read every book that the teacher assigned?

Informal: Did you read every book the teacher assigned?

1. I like the people that I met yesterday.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The pizza that I ate didn't agree with me.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

3. This is the man whom I spoke of last week.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

4. The reason that you gave was not a good enough one.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Spring is the season that I like best.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

6. The teacher that I wanted to speak to was on vacation.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What did you say to the girl whom I met yesterday?

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

8. The music that he played was too loud.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

9. I waited all day for the repairman that you recommended.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

10. The soccer games that we played in high school were always exciting.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

11. I enjoyed reading the book that you recommended.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_

12. He got that camera from the man whom I told you about.

Informal: \_\_\_\_\_