

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
- what
- who

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3. He is the person I want to see.

- who
- whom
- which

4. He is the offender the police have arrested.

- who
- which
- whom

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

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forget.

- who
- whom
- which

7. This is the player the committee selected captain.

- 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

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which
whom

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.

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

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