

Underline the adjective clauses: grammar exercise

Adjective clauses are used to modify nouns or pronouns. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate relative pronoun. Also, underline the adjective clauses in the following sentences and state which noun or pronoun is modified by them.

1. The girl won the first prize is my niece.

- who
- whom
- which

2. The forest through we travelled was dark and gloomy.

- that
- which
- what

3. My sister lives in Mexico is a nurse.

- who
- whom
- which

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4. This is the same house
..... Tennyson occupied.

that
who
where

5. This is the same old story
..... we have been
hearing since our childhood.

what
that
whom

6. He has a brilliant son
..... is certain to
bring credit to his family.

who
whom
which

7. All glitters is not
gold.

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what
which
that

8. He is down fears no fall.

which
what
that

9. The plan I proposed was rejected.

that
what
who

10. This is the reason he does not want to come here.

why
what

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Answers

1. The girl who won the first prize is my niece. (Modifies the noun girl.)
2. The forest through which we travelled was dark and gloomy. (Modifies the noun forest.)
3. My sister who lives in Mexico is a nurse. (Modifies the noun sister)
4. This is the same house that Tennyson occupied. (Modifies the noun house)
5. This is the same old story that we have been hearing since our childhood. (Modifies the noun story)
6. He has a brilliant son who is certain to bring credit to his family. (Modifies the noun son)
7. All that glitters is not gold. (Modifies the determiner all)
8. He that is down fears no fall. (Modifies the pronoun he)
9. The plan (that) I proposed was rejected. (Modifies the noun plan)
10. This is the reason why he does not want to come here. (Modifies the noun reason)