Adjective Clause Worksheet – Subject and Object Adjective Clauses

**Relative Pronouns for Adjective Clauses**

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| who | subject and object pronoun for **people** only. (\*whom can also be used as an object pronoun)  E.g. The man who(m) I saw was old. |
| that | subject and object pronoun used for **people** and **things**.  E.g. The book that I saw was red. |
| which | subject and object pronoun used for **things** only.  E.g. The book, which I saw, was red. |
| whose | used for **possessions**.  E.g. The man whose house was for sale was old. |
| where | used for places.  E.g. The restaurant where we met was downtown. |
| when | used for times.  E.g. The day when we met was cloudy. |

The below exercises focus on using subject and object relative pronouns to combine simple sentences.

**Exercise #1 - Creating Adjective Clauses with Subject Relative Pronouns**

Change the second sentence into an adjective clause.

1. Do you see the cat? It is on the roof.
2. That man lives next to me. He’s a dentist.
3. I see an open table over there. It’s by the window.
4. She invited a guy to the party. The guy dances really well.
5. This desk is made of oak. It was built by my friend.
6. People live in glass houses. They shouldn’t throw stones.

**Exercise #1 - Creating Adjective Clauses with Object Relative Pronouns**

1. I invited the professor. You met him last year.
2. The printer is broken. We were using it yesterday.
3. I don’t want to hear the song. We just heard it.
4. That’s the man! I had a big argument with him yesterday.
5. He has a list of customers in his address book. He calls them once a month.
6. He’s always talking about his car. He bought it last year in London.

**Add the Correct Relative Pronoun**

1. He’s the only student \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ knew the answer.
2. Did you see the painting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I bought in Paris?
3. This is the only bridge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ goes to the island.
4. There are many children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are not able to go to school.
5. The Italian restaurant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I went to last night has great dessert.

**Combine the Simple Sentences to make a Subject or Object Relative Clause**

1. You are doing exercises. They are for practicing grammar.
2. Do you have my textbook? I lent it to you last week.
3. You can buy tickets at the subway station. They cost about three dollars.
4. She is someone. I used to know her.
5. The keys were in my shoe. I was looking for them all day.
6. The keys were in my shoe. They don’t belong to me.

**Where/When: Combine the Sentences to Make an Adjective Clause**

1. There are a lot of shopping malls downtown. I want to live downtown.
2. My best friend lives in the town. I was born there.
3. On Friday it was raining. We met on Friday.
4. Let’s meet early next week. I will have more time then.
5. The Internet is huge. You can find anything you want on the Internet.

**Choose the Correct Relative Pronoun**

1. The house \_\_\_\_\_\_ I want to buy is too expensive.
2. The house \_\_\_\_\_\_ I was born is in a small town.
3. The house \_\_\_\_\_\_ burned down was on Main Street.
4. That was a time \_\_\_\_\_\_ I needed to be patient.
5. That was a time \_\_\_\_\_\_ I will always remember.
6. That was a time \_\_\_\_\_\_ was difficult to forget.

**Choose the Correct Relative Pronoun**

1. 1998 was the year \_\_\_\_\_\_ I got married.
2. Friday is the day \_\_\_\_\_\_ I love the most.
3. My bedroom is the only place \_\_\_\_\_\_ the cat can’t go.
4. I heard the news in the morning \_\_\_\_\_\_ I was brushing my teeth.
5. The Nile is the river \_\_\_\_\_\_ flows through twelve African countries.
6. We saw the island \_\_\_\_\_\_ Napoleon had lived.

**Whose: Combine the Sentences to Make an Adjective Clause**

1. That’s the actress. Her husband was in the movie.
2. There were students at the party. Their parents didn’t know they were there.
3. She works at a bank. Its head office is on Queen St.
4. Susie is my friend. You met her parents last night.
5. I met two people from Japan yesterday. Their names were Mai and Yuko.

**Exercise #5 - Places, Times, and Possessives in Adjective Clause**

**Combine** the sentences by making an adjective clause.

1. I study at a college. It has many courses.
2. I was born in 1978. My best friend Jay was born in 1978.
3. The people were very welcoming. We visited their house.
4. Cheryl’s family goes camping every August. She loves August.
5. 11:30 is the time. My flight departs then.
6. September is busy at the college. It is the beginning of fall semester.
7. The man yelled at me. I hit his car with my car.
8. The company sells baked goods. I applied to work there once.

**Add the Correct Relative Pronoun**

1. My wife, \_\_\_\_\_\_ name is Margaret, likes to travel.
2. We went on a trip last summer, \_\_\_\_\_\_ I wasn’t working.
3. We visited a park \_\_\_\_\_\_ had a beautiful garden.
4. We sat in the garden \_\_\_\_\_\_ we could also see birds.
5. I saw a beautiful bird \_\_\_\_\_\_ feathers were purple and blue.
6. On that day, we met a nice Swedish couple \_\_\_\_\_\_ English was quite good.
7. They invited us to visit them in the Swedish countryside \_\_\_\_\_\_ they had a big house.
8. I told them that maybe we could visit them next year \_\_\_\_\_\_ we should have free time.

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