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Advanced Relative Pronouns: Whose, Whom, Where, When, and Why

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Adverb | Apostrophe | Clause | Complex sentence | Object | Possessive | Preposition | Pronoun | Relative clause

1. Complete the museum tour guide's dramatic script about the great art heist. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences!

"Welcome, everyone! 1998 was the exact year _____ the famous painting mysteriously disappeared from this very room.

To this day, the museum director still doesn't know the reason _____ the security cameras were suddenly turned off.

As you can see, the empty gallery _____ the artwork used to hang has been turned into a rather overpriced gift shop."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** where
- **B)** why
- **C)** when

Blank 2

- **A)** when
- **B)** where
- **C)** why

Blank 3

- **A)** why
- **B)** when
- **C)** where

2. Choose the best words to help this anxious college student polish their formal email to the department head.

Dear Dr. Smith, with _____ I spoke yesterday regarding the laboratory incident:

I am writing to defend my lab partner, _____ dedication to studying glowing frogs is unmatched in this university.

I have attached the security footage showing the exact moment _____ the frogs managed to escape their enclosures. We apologize for the glowing hallways.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** who
- **B)** whom
- **C)** whose

Blank 2

- **A)** who's
- **B)** whom
- **C)** whose

Blank 3

- **A)** where
- **B)** when
- **C)** why

3. Help the detective finalize her formal incident report by selecting ALL the grammatically correct sentences.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The duke, to whom the stolen diamond belonged, refused to answer my questions.
- **B)** The maid, whom I interviewed in the library, claimed she saw nothing.
- **C)** The gardener, to who I directed my next question, suddenly fainted.
- **D)** The chauffeur, whom was waiting outside, had an airtight alibi.

4. Help Detective Lewis finish her official crime report by choosing the correct word for each blank.

The suspect _____ alibi was completely fake tried to sneak out the back door.

Unfortunately for him, the mysterious informant, from _____ the detective received the anonymous tip, had already blocked the exit.

Later, the police searched the abandoned warehouse _____ the stolen jewels were hidden inside a giant donut box.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** whom
- **B)** whose
- **C)** where

Blank 2

- **A)** whose
- **B)** whom
- **C)** when

Blank 3

- **A)** why
- **B)** whom
- **C)** where

5. Review a quirky real estate agent's bizarre property listings. Select ALL the sentences that use relative pronouns correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** We are looking at a house whose roof is entirely made of pancake batter.
- **B)** Meet the landlord whose cats have their own dedicated bedrooms.
- **C)** This is the mansion who's previous owner was a famous magician.
- **D)** I will show you a cabin of which its doors are completely invisible.

6. Complete the frustrated time-traveler's customer service review of their new time machine.

I still don't understand the reason _____ this machine sent me to 1342 instead of 1942!

The medieval village _____ I landed smelled entirely of old cabbage and mud.

I desperately miss the glorious 21st century, _____ people actually bathed on a regular basis. I demand a full refund!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** which
- **B)** why
- **C)** where

Blank 2

- **A)** when
- **B)** which
- **C)** where

Blank 3

- **A)** where
- **B)** when
- **C)** whom

7. Complete the time traveler's Yelp review of a 19th-century establishment.

I highly recommend the little cafe in 1890s Paris _____ I accidentally left my modern smartphone!

Select one.

- **A)** where
- **B)** which
- **C)** when
- **D)** that

8. Help Detective Barnaby complete his rather dramatic case notes by choosing the correct relative pronouns.

The butler, _____ alibi is extremely weak, was seen near the vault at midnight.

The mysterious guest, to _____ the stolen diamond belongs, refuses to speak to anyone without a lawyer.

Now, I just need to find the secret room _____ the thief actually hid the loot!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** who's
- **B)** whose
- **C)** whom

Blank 2

- **A)** who
- **B)** whose
- **C)** whom

Blank 3

- **A)** which
- **B)** where
- **C)** when

9. Help Detective Barnaby complete his official suspect report by choosing the grammatically correct word.

The mysterious man in the trench coat, to _____ the stolen diamond was allegedly given, has vanished without a trace.

Select one.

- **A)** who
- **B)** whom
- **C)** whose
- **D)** which

10. Help a stressed college student polish their formal email to the university administration. Choose the correct word for each blank.

Dear Dean of Students,

The professor to _____ I submitted my final essay claims he never received it.

Furthermore, the student _____ laptop crashed during the midterm exam was given an extension, but I was not.

I am writing to clearly explain the reason _____ I believe this grading policy is unfair.

Sincerely,
A Very Tired Freshman

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** who
- **B)** whose
- **C)** whom

Blank 2

- **A)** whom
- **B)** who
- **C)** whose

Blank 3

A) when
B) where
C) why

11. Choose the right word to finish the real estate agent's highly dramatic property listing.

We are selling a spectacular Victorian mansion _____ roof has recently been replaced and supposedly hosts a family of friendly ghosts.

Select one.

A) which
B) that
C) whose
D) who's