

# Basics. Advanced Relative Pronouns: Whose, Whom, Where, When, and Why

Medium

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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