

ESL Worksheet: Relatives

Choose the correct answer.

Q1 - The people who arrived late missed lunch

- They were not the only people there
 They were the only people there

Q2 - The company from whom we bought the computers has just gone into liquidation

- This is formal.
 Whom can only be used in written English

Q3 - The dictionary which I found on the train has been very useful to me

- It is not possible to remove 'which' without making the sentence ungrammatical
 It is possible to remove 'which' without changing the meaning of the sentence

Q4 - The car, which has a top speed of 190 miles per hour, costs £100,000

- 'Which has a top speed of 190 miles per hour' gives us the information necessary to identify the car
 'Which has a top speed of 190 miles per hour' gives us some extra information about the car that might be of interest, but is not essential

Q5 - Is this one glass of fruit juice all that you left of my breakfast?

- Words like all; any; every; few, little; and much are followed by 'that'
 Words like all; any; every; few, little; and much are followed by 'that' or 'which'

Q6 - The wine that I brought back from Chile was excellent

- It is possible to remove 'that' without changing the meaning of the sentence
 It is not possible to remove 'that' without making the sentence ungrammatical

Q7 - The road which goes to the motorway is always full of traffic

- It is possible to replace 'which' with 'that' without changing the meaning of the sentence
- It is not possible to replace 'which' without changing the meaning of the sentence

Q8 - The boys that stole the car were caught by the police

- The police only caught the boys involved in stealing the car
- The police caught the boys involved in stealing the car and some others

Q9 - The people who work on cruise ships are often away from home for months on end

- It is possible to remove 'who' without changing the meaning of the sentence
- It is not possible to remove 'who' without making the sentence ungrammatical

Q10 - Have you got anything that he wrote?

- After words like anything and superlatives, it is more usual to use 'that'
- After words like anything and superlatives, it is more usual to use 'which' in writing

Q11 - The man whose company was voted the most successful in the country last year is going to give a speech tonight

- The clause 'whose company was voted the most successful in the country last year' gives us some extra information, but is not essential
- The clause 'whose company was voted the most successful in the country last year' tells us which man is going to give the speech; without it we have no idea who the man is

Q12 - The man to whom I spoke is coming over here

- This sentence is fairly informal
- This sentence is very formal

Q13 - The party, which didn't finish until dawn, was fantastic

- There were a number of parties
- There was only one party

Q14 - The party that gets the most votes in the election is asked to form the government

- The relative clause defines the party
- The relative clause fills in a few interesting details about the party and the election system

Q15 - The cat, which never stops eating, has started stealing food from the cupboards

- 'That' cannot be used as an alternative to 'which' in this sentence
- 'That' can be used as an alternative to 'which' in this sentence

Q16 - The owner of the restaurant that was closed down is going to have to go to court

- 'Which' cannot be used as an alternative to 'that'
- 'Which' can be used as an alternative to 'that' in this sentence