

Relative clauses 3: **whose/whom/where****A Whose**

We use **whose** in relative clauses instead of **his/her/their**:

we helped some people – **their** car had broken down
 → We helped some people **whose** car had broken down.

We use **whose** mostly for people:

- ☐ A widow is a woman **whose husband is dead**. (**her** husband is dead)
- ☐ What's the name of the man **whose car you borrowed**? (you borrowed **his** car)
- ☐ I met someone **whose brother I went to school with**. (I went to school with **his/her** brother)

Compare **who** and **whose**:

- ☐ I met a man **who** knows you. (**he** knows you)
- ☐ I met a man **whose sister** knows you. (**his sister** knows you)

B Whom

Whom is possible instead of **who** when it is the *object* of the verb in the relative clause (like the sentences in **Unit 93B**):

- ☐ George is a person **whom I admire** very much. (I admire **him**)

You can also use **whom** with a preposition (**to whom** / **from whom** / **with whom** etc.):

- ☐ I like the people **with whom I work**. (I work **with them**)

Whom is a formal word and we do not often use it in this way. We usually prefer **who** or **that**, or nothing (see **Unit 93**). So we usually say:

- ☐ ... a person **who/that** I admire a lot or ... a person **I admire** a lot
- ☐ ... the people **who/that** I work with or ... the people **I work with**

C Where

You can use **where** in a relative clause to talk about a place:

the restaurant – we had lunch **there** – it was near the airport
 → The restaurant **where we had lunch** was near the airport.

- ☐ I recently went back to **the town where I grew up**.
(or ... the town I grew up in or ... the town **that** I grew up in)
- ☐ I would like to live in **a place where there is plenty of sunshine**.

D

We say:

the day / the year / the time etc. { something happens *or* **that** something happens

- ☐ I can't meet you on Friday. That's **the day (that) I'm going away**.
- ☐ **The last time (that) I saw Anna**, she looked great.
- ☐ I haven't seen Jack and Helen since **the year (that) they got married**.

E

We say:

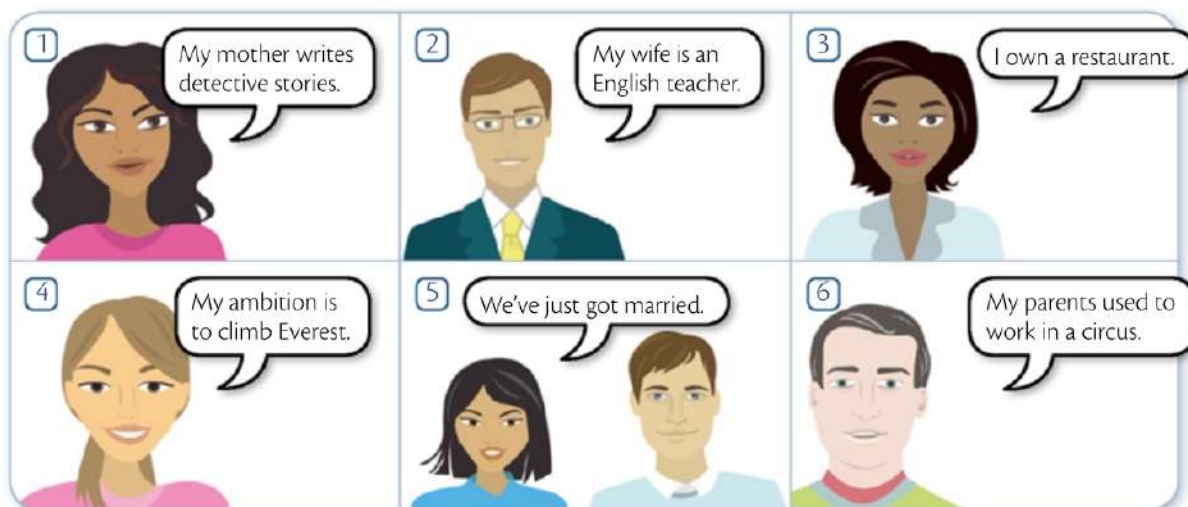
the reason { something happens *or* **that/why** something happens

- ☐ **The reason I'm phoning** is to ask your advice.
(or The reason that I'm phoning / The reason **why** I'm phoning)

Exercises

Unit
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94.1 You met these people at a party:



The next day you tell a friend about these people. Complete the sentences using **who** or **whose**.

- 1 I met somebody whose mother writes detective stories.
- 2 I met a man
- 3 I met a woman
- 4 I met somebody
- 5 I met a couple
- 6 I met somebody

94.2 Read the situations and complete the sentences using **where**.

- 1 You grew up in a small town. You went back there recently. You tell someone this.
I recently went back to the small town where I grew up.
- 2 You're thirsty and you want a drink. You ask a friend where you can get some water.
Is there a shop near here
- 3 You work in a factory. The factory is going to close down next month. You tell a friend.
The is going to close down next month.
- 4 Sue is staying at a hotel. You want to know the name of the hotel. You ask a friend.
Do you know the name of
- 5 You play football in a park on Sundays. You show a friend the park. You say:
This is the on Sundays.

94.3 Complete each sentence using **who/whom/whose/where**.

- 1 What's the name of the man whose car you borrowed?
- 2 A cemetery is a place people are buried.
- 3 A pacifist is a person believes that all wars are wrong.
- 4 An orphan is a child parents are dead.
- 5 What was the name of the person to you spoke on the phone?
- 6 The place we spent our holidays was really beautiful.
- 7 This school is only for children first language is not English.
- 8 The woman with he fell in love left him after a month.

94.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. They are like the examples in **Section D** and **Section E**.

- 1 I can't meet you on Friday. That's the day I'm going away.
- 2 The reason was that the salary was too low.
- 3 I'll never forget the time
- 4 Do you remember the day
- 5 The reason is that they don't need one.
- 6 was the year