

RELATIVE PRONOUNS

Los pronombres relativos introducen una oración subordinada que da información sobre un sustantivo (antecedente):

Según si el antecedente es una persona o personas (**people**), cosa o animal (**things/animals**), lugar (**place**) o tiempo (**time**), hay que usar diferentes pronombres, según la tabla de abajo:

PEOPLE (who/that)	He is the man who/that teaches us biology. (Él es el hombre que nos enseña biología).
THINGS/ANIMALS (which/that)	Here is the microscope which/that I always use. (Aquí está el microscopio que yo siempre uso).
PLACES (where)	Laboratories are places where scientists do experiments. (Los laboratorios son lugares donde los científicos hacen experimentos).
TIME (when)	Winter is a time when many animals hibernate. (El invierno es una época cuando/ en la que muchos animales hibernan).

Exercises:

1. Choose the correct relative pronouns and complete the sentences with the words below:

water plants animals Nobel microscope birds June

- A microbe is an organism **which / when** you can't see without a _____
 - Zoologists are people **where / who** study _____
 - Deserts are places **when / where** there isn't much _____
 - _____ is the month **when / who** the days are the longest.
 - Alfred Nobel was the person **who / which** started the _____ Prize.
 - In winter, many _____ fly to southern countries **which / where** they can stay warm.
 - Chlorophyll is the chemical **that / where** makes _____ green.
2. Fill in the blanks with relative pronouns. Then choose the correct answer:
 - Mosquitoes are insects _____ take blood from **flowers / people**.
 - **Benjamin Franklin / Albert Einstein** studied electricity at a time _____ people didn't know much about it.
 - **Camels / Dolphins** can survive in areas _____ there isn't much water.
 - Paleontologists are scientists _____ **create / study** the history of life.
 - A telescope is an instrument _____ people use to look at **stars / food**.
 3. Complete the sentences so they are true for you:
 - I don't understand people who ...
 - I want a job which ...
 - ... is a subject that ...
 - I live to work in a place where ...
 - The happiest day of my life was the day when...