Who, which or that? Answers and notes

What your child practised: choosing who for people, which for animals and things, and that for any of them (Year 5 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

who: firefighter, nurse, baby
which: castle, rabbit, bicycle

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary. People take **who**; animals and things take **which**. **that** works for all 12.

Page 2 · A. Ring the pronoun

1. **who** 2. **which** 3. **which** 4. **who** 5. **which**

Page 3 · B. Spot the mistake

1. who → **which** (or that) 2. which → **who** (or that)
3. what → **that** (or which) 4. which → **who** (or that)

Page 3 · C and D

Answers will vary, e.g. I know a girl who **can play the violin**. The spider which **lived in the bath** was huge. Check the hook matches the noun.

Challenge: The dog **which** lives next door barks all night. / The dog **that** lives next door barks all night. **who** should not be used, because a dog is an animal (and **what** is never a relative pronoun).

Watch out for

- **who for animals or things** ("the castle who stood on the hill"). Ask: "Is a castle a person?" If not, it takes which or that.
- **which for people** ("the firefighter which rescued the cat"). People always take who (or that).
- **what as a relative pronoun** ("the cake what Gran made"). It is common in speech, but in writing use that or which.

Going further (no paper)

- **Hook it on, out and about:** point at something and your child adds a clause: "the bus which was late".
- **Wrong hook:** say "the teapot who whistled" and let your child put it right.
- **In the game:** Chapter 3, Where, when and whose, adds hooks for places, times and belonging.