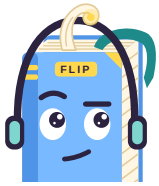
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Who, which or that?

Choose the right relative pronoun for people, animals and things.

1 Learn



Look at the noun first. Is it a **person**, an **animal** or a **thing**? That tells you which hook to use.


for **people**
who


for **animals** and **things**
which


for **any** of them
that



Choose the hook: The horse _____ jumped the fence was brown.

1. Find the noun just before the gap: **horse**. Person, animal or thing? An **animal**.
2. Animals take **which** (or **that**): The horse **which** jumped the fence was brown.

Flip's tip: what is never a relative pronoun. Say "the cake **that** Gran made", not "the cake ~~what~~ Gran made".

Warm up: write each noun in the right box.

firefighter | castle | rabbit | nurse | bicycle | baby

who	which

Grown-ups: named pets are sometimes "who" in stories. At school, the safe rule is who for people, which for animals and things.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Hook it on

You need: 12 small scraps of paper, a pencil, and a bowl or a hat.

1. Write 12 nouns, one on each scrap: **4 people**, **4 animals**, **4 things** (a pirate, a goat, a kettle…). Fold them into the bowl.
2. Take turns to pick one. Say it with a relative clause: "the pirate **who** lost his map".
3. The other player checks the hook. Is it right for a person, an animal or a thing?
4. Now say it again with **that**. Does it still work? (It should!)
5. Write your three favourites in the table.

Noun	Person, animal or thing?	Hook	Relative clause

Grown-ups: slip in a mistake now and then ("the goat who ate my hat") and see if your child spots it.

3 Practise

A. Draw a ring round the correct relative pronoun.

1. The firefighter **(who / which)** rescued the cat was brave.
2. The castle **(who / which)** stood on the hill was empty.
3. I fed the ducks **(who / which)** live on the pond.
4. The children **(who / which)** sang in the play bowed.
5. We need a ladder **(who / which)** is taller than this one.

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B. Spot the mistake. Cross out the wrong relative pronoun and write the right one above it.

1. The castle who stood on the hill was very old.
2. The firefighter which rescued the cat got a medal.
3. This is the cake what Gran made for my birthday.
4. I have a cousin which can juggle five balls.

C. Finish each sentence with a relative clause. Use the hook given.

1. I know a girl **who** _____ .
2. The spider **which** _____ was huge.
3. My best present was the kite **that** _____ .

D. Write one sentence about a **person** and one about a **thing**. Give each a relative clause.

Challenge

Sam wrote: **"The dog what lives next door barks all night."** Fix it in two different ways. Which relative pronoun could **not** be used?

I can…

Tick when you can.

- ☐ use who for people
- ☐ use which for animals and things
- ☐ use that for people, animals or things