

PRONOUNS & DETERMINERS:

Relative Clauses



a) Complete the following sentences with the correct relative pronoun!

1. You should speak to someone _____ knows something about computers.
2. He went out in the snow in his pyjamas, _____ was a rather strange thing to do.
3. The cat _____ you just saw actually belongs to Mrs Smith.
4. Joanne, _____ mum made almost all the cakes, is behind the cake stand.
5. Peter, _____ I have never seen, is a good friend of Louise's.
6. The house _____ we bought still needs a lot of work doing to it.
7. This is Lisa, _____ father is the caretaker (*Hausmeister*).
8. I would like to speak to the one _____ is responsible for all this mess!
9. I'd love to live in a place _____ there were fewer people, it's so crowded here!

b) Now connect the following pairs of sentences to make relative clauses!

1. The house was very old. We bought it cheaply.
→ _____
2. Stephanie is a famous actress. Her mother is an actress, too.
→ _____
3. The Atlantic Coast is a beautiful place. Houses there are very expensive.
→ _____
4. I have never seen John. He claims he knows me.
→ _____

SOLUTION

a)

1. You should speak to someone *who* knows something about computers.
2. He went out in the snow in his pyjamas, *which* was a rather strange thing to do.
3. The cat *which/that* you just saw actually belongs to Mrs Smith.
4. Joanne, *whose* mum made almost all the cakes, is behind the cake stand.
5. Peter, *whom* I have never seen, is a good friend of Louise's.
6. The house *that/which* we bought still needs a lot of work doing to it.
7. This is Lisa, *whose* father is the caretaker (*Hausmeister*).
8. I would like to speak to the one *who* is responsible for all this mess!
9. I'd love to live in a place *where* there were fewer people, it's so crowded here!

b) (example answers only)

1. The house that we bought cheaply was very old.
2. Stephanie, whose mother is also an actress, is a famous actress.
3. The Atlantic Coast, where houses are very expensive, is a beautiful place.
4. John, whom I have never seen, claims he knows me.