

GRAMMAR TIP #4

ADJECTIVE CLAUSES



Adjective clauses provide additional information to a noun or pronoun, like adjectives. They are dependent clauses formed by a subject and a verb. If not connected to an independent clause, adjective clauses alone do not express a complete idea. Adjective clauses start with relative pronouns like who, whom, whose, which, that, and also with relative adverbs like where, when, why.

Examples:

- The teacher who explained the lesson was very patient.
- The student whom you mentored just graduated.
- The author whose book won an award will be our guest speaker.
- The computer which was left in class belongs to my classmate.
- The book that we read in class was useful.
- The conference where we met takes place every other year.
- The day when we first started class was unforgettable.
- The reason why she did not finish the program is still unclear.

Note: Pronouns can be omitted when they don't act as the subject of the adjective clause.

See Grammar Tip # 5 to review when pronouns can be omitted & Tip # 3 to review the use of the comma with adjective clauses.

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