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## LESSON 12: Relative Pronouns

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### REVIEW RECITATION:

☐ Grammar Questions #74-75, 121-127

### LESSON:

**Grammar Question #128:** What is a relative pronoun? (See #74)

A **relative pronoun** begins a subordinate adjective clause and refers to a stated or understood antecedent.

**Grammar Question #129:** What is an antecedent?

An **antecedent** is the noun or pronoun in the main clause that the relative pronoun, adjective, or adverb refers back to.

**Grammar Question #130:** Give the relative pronouns.

The relative pronouns are *who*, *whose*, *whom*, *which*, *that*.

### COPYWORK:

Grammar Question #128: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grammar Question #129: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grammar Question #130: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRACTICE A:** Vertical lines separate two clauses in each of the following sentences. Underline the subject and verb in each clause. Circle the relative pronoun that makes its clause subordinate. The relative pronoun may also be the subject of the subordinate clause. The first one is done for you.

1. The Danube River is an important river | which is the main shipping route for Eastern Europe.

2. The Danube, | which flows east from the Black Forest, | empties into the Black Sea.

3. Peter the Great, | who ruled from 1682-1725, | made the Russian Empire a recognized world power.
4. The Golden Age of Russia occurred during the reign of Catherine the Great, | who continued to westernize the country.
5. This was an era | that was “golden” for the aristocracy, but not for the lower classes.
6. The Bolshevik Revolution, | which was led by Vladimir Lenin in 1917, | ended the rule of the Russian tsars.
7. Marie Curie, | whose research in radioactivity won her two Nobel Prizes, | was born in Poland.
8. She discovered the radioactive isotope Polonium, | which she named after her native country.
9. After decades of Communist rule in Poland, the Solidarity Party, | which Lech Walesa led, | won parliamentary victory in 1989.
10. Today Poland is a constitutional democracy | whose citizens enjoy social and economic freedom.

**PRACTICE B: Vertical lines separate two clauses in each of the following sentences. Circle the relative pronoun that makes its clause subordinate. Underline the subordinate clause and draw a line from the relative pronoun to its antecedent.**

1. John James Audubon, | who was an ornithologist, naturalist, and painter, | is best known for *The Birds of North America*.
2. He produced 435 watercolor paintings, | which were composed of every bird known in America at that time.
3. His paintings were converted to prints using engraved copper plates, | which were very expensive.
4. Audubon's dramatic portraits of birds appealed to people | who were fascinated with natural history during Europe's Romantic Era.
5. A print of Audubon's Carolina Turtle Dove, | which is another name for the Mourning Dove, | hangs in our sun room.
6. The Mourning Dove, | which is a ground-feeder, | can be seen gleaning the bare cornfields of autumn.

7. It is a beautiful bird, | which looks like a small passenger pigeon.
8. The mournful cooing sound | that this bird makes | gives it its name.
9. The passenger pigeon, | which was once among the most numerous birds, | is now extinct.
10. The male wild turkey, | whose unique call has earned him a nickname, | is called a "gobbler."

**ORAL QUIZ: Recite answers with examples.**

☐ Grammar Questions #128-130