

Linking Words Box 4



Answer Choice TYPE C: "Linking Words"

(d): Relatives (1) → 20 seconds

Step 1

Check the four answer choices

→ If you find such relatives as which/ who/ whose/ what/ that/ when/ where, the question typically asks about a relative clause marker.

Step 2

Check after the blank

A. If you find a Subject missing clause, i.e. if the blank is followed by a verb,

→ you need a *Relative Pronoun: Subject Case*.

Check before the blank

- a. If the antecedent is a person, choose 'who' or 'that'.
- E.g. That is the manager () signed the contract.
- b. If a thing, choose 'which' or 'that'. E.g. This is the contract () was signed yesterday.
- c. The relative pronoun 'which' preceded by a comma can refer to the preceding clause.
- E.g. The company's sales dropped, () disappointed the directors.
- B. If you find a Possessive Adjective missing clause, i.e. if the blank is followed by a noun without a possessive adjective or other determiners,
- → you need a *Relative Pronoun in Possessive Case:* 'whose'.
 - E.g. That is the manager () secretary is very efficient.