



Answer Choice TYPE C : “Linking Words”

(d) : Relatives (2) → 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 and before the blank.

A. If you find an Object missing clause, i.e. if the blank is followed by a Subject, or if you find a complete clause but the blank is preceded by a preposition,,

→ you need a Relative Pronoun: Object Case.

Check before the blank

a. If the antecedent is a person, choose ‘who(m)’ or ‘that’.

b. If a thing, choose ‘which’ or ‘that’.

E.g. The manager () I met yesterday agreed with me. → ✓ who(m) or that

That is the manager to () I talked yesterday. → ✓ whom × who

That is the reason for () I was late. → ✓ which × that

NB ‘That’, as a relative pronoun, cannot be used with commas, nor with preceding prepositions.

× This is Mr. Nagano, that is my accountant.

× This is the house in that I have lived for ten years.

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

→ you need a Relative Pronoun: Subject Case.

E.g. The manager () is in charge of the project agreed with me. → ✓ who or that

Animals () are in cages are not happy. → ✓ which or that

C. If you find a complete clause, you need either 'a Relative Adverb', or 'a preposition + a relative pronoun'.

◎ **Check before the blank.**

a. Choose 'when' or 'preposition + which' if the antecedent refers to time.

E.g. I remember the day () I met her. → ✓ when or on which

b. Choose 'where' or 'preposition + which' if the antecedent refers to a place.

E.g. This is the park () I met her. → where or in which

D. 'What' is a Compound Relative Pronoun, including both the antecedent and the relative, and is

equivalent to 'the thing(s) that' (Show me what you bought.)

'Whatever' = 'anything that' (Give me whatever you have.)

'Whoever' = 'anyone who' (I'll take whoever wants to go.)

Whatever/ Whoever can also introduce **'adverbials'**. (No matter what/ No matter who)

E.g. Whatever he did, he does not deserve this.