

Wednesday 3rd February 2021

LI: To identify relative clauses beginning with which, where, when, that.

Success Criteria:

- I understand that the relative clause provides additional information about the subject.
- I know that a relative clause begins with a relative pronoun.
- I know that a relative clause is marked off with two commas.
- To identify where relative clauses can be used to combine sentences (e.g. The man walked to the zoo. He was wearing a bowler hat and scarf; becomes: The man, who was wearing a bowler hat and scarf, walked to the zoo.)

We can add extra additional detail about a noun by adding a relative clause to a sentence.

Instead of using two single-clause (simple sentences) to describe something,

e.g. Wolves eat small rodents, medium and very large animals. This can include deer, beavers and bisons.

We can combine the two sentences to make one multi-clause (complex) sentence using subordination with a relative clause.

e.g. Wolves eat small rodents, medium and very large animals, which can include deer, beavers and bisons.

A **relative clause** is connected to the main clause by a **relative pronoun**. We've replaced the pronoun '**This**' in the second sentence with the **relative pronoun** 'which'.

A relative clause always starts with a relative pronoun.

There are 5 relative pronouns: who, whom, whose, which, that

We can also use the relative adverbs which, where, when, why

Can you identify the relative pronouns in these sentences?

1. There is a long mating season for the Common Wolf, **which** can last from January through April.
2. The female will remain with her pups on and off for the first three months of life, **when** she will leave only to get food for herself.
3. Wolf pups are fed regurgitated meat by members of the pack, **which** allows them to get the nutrition they need after they are weaned from their mother's milk.
4. The Common Wolf does have problems with humans, **who** only see them as a menace or as a very dangerous type of animal.
5. The pups are allowed to fight for food, **which** may determine their order in the pack.

Relative clauses can be in the middle of a sentence (embedded) or at the end of a sentence.

The Arctic Wolf, **which** usually resides in Alaska, has a cloak of white fur.

Have a go at writing a sentence about the Arctic Wolf with an embedded relative clause.

The Arctic Wolf resides in Alaska, **which** is one of the coldest environments on our planet.

Challenge: Can you write a sentence with a relative clause at the end?

subordinate clause to the main part of the sentence.

Like the relative pronouns, they join two portions of a sentence together.

Relative adverbs are 'where', 'when', 'why'.

WHERE: Where is an adverb of place. (It is used after nouns that refer to places.)

Example : This is the restaurant where I have my dinner.

WHEN: When is an adverb of time. (It is used after nouns that refer to time / date.)

Example : I remember the day when we first met.

WHY: Why is an adverb of reason. (It is used after reason.)

Example : Tell me why you were late home.

We can also use the relative adverbs which, where, when, why

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Edit these sentences so that you combine two sentences into one, using a relative clause.

- 1) There are many different species of wolf, **who** all live in different habitats.
- 2) Gray Wolves mainly inhabit Europe, Asia and Central Asia, **where** they move between different territories.
- 3) The Gray Wolf is the most common type of wolf, **which** has grey and brown fur.
- 4) The Arctic Wolves live in a pack where, **where** are dominant wolves in charge.
- 5) Eastern Timber Wolves live in North America, **where** they were identified in 1775.



Arctic Wolves, **which** live in extremely cold conditions, have thick, warm coats of fur.

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Task 2:

Write a paragraph about each of the wolves. You must include at least two relative clauses in each paragraph. Ensure you link your ideas.

Challenge:

Can you write a sentence using a relative adverb? (where, when, why)



Arctic
Wolf



Gray Wolf



Eastern Timber
Wolf

