

Relatifs

Ils peuvent renvoyer à un nom: *I want to know who did it.*

Un groupe nominal: *it's the last thing (that) I want to hear*

Un complément circonstanciel de lieu: *this is the place where they're going to build a particle accelerator.*

Un complément circonstanciel de temps: *It happened at a time when electricity didn't exist yet*

Un complément circonstanciel de cause: *That's the reason why I can't agree with you.*

Une proposition: *she cheated which is why she failed her exam.*

Fonction de l'antécédent	Humain	Non humain	Humain ou non humain
sujet	who	which	that
Complément du verbe	(préposition) + whom	which	that
Génitif	Whose	Whose + N / N of which	

The first, the only, the last, all sont généralement suivis de *that*.

Whose remplace aussi l'article: *this is the man whose phone was stolen*

ce qui, ce que, ce dont

information à venir: *what* >> *What I like in this film is the complexity of the plot.*

Which s'il s'agit d'un mot / une idée déjà mentionnée >> *He lied to us, which we cannot forgive.*

On peut **supprimer le relatif** s'il n'est ni sujet, ni génitif: *The man I told you about... The first thing he said...*

On ne peut pas l'enlever s'il est précédé d'une virgule (on met une virgule lorsqu'il s'agit d'une relative non définissante, c'est-à-dire qu'on peut l'enlever sans altérer le sens de la phrase car elle n'apporte qu'une information supplémentaire mais non nécessaire:

comparer *my brother who is in London is a trader (I have other brothers)* et *My brother, who is in London (by the way), is a trader.*

Add the correct punctuation

Ms McCarthy who is currently sailing alone around the globe has not given any news in two days now

What the food industry forgets to tell people is how they make what they make us eat

Smoking and eating too much sugar is extremely detrimental to people's health which is known by everyone but totally discarded

His eldest daughter whom I told you about yesterday is to start Medical School next week

Fill in the blanks

I've never heard of the company you're grumbling about.

That's the most hilarious story I have ever heard.

..... I keep wondering about is the reason he did not come.

I have never forgotten the day she asked me to marry her.

She didn't know to do. She was the secretary office had been broken into twice in a row.

She hated to think that her boss might suspect she was the person had informed the burglars.

The police finally discovered she had no connection with the gang they had finally identified.

Translate

Les gens dont je te parle ont reçu des menaces pour avoir dénoncé le coupable.

Ils ont quatre neveux dont trois sont physiciens.

Le livre qui m'a le plus marqué est une brève histoire du temps

L'élève dont le portable a été dérobé a porté plainte.