

Two kinds of relative clause

There are two kinds of relative clause:

1. We use relative clauses to make clear which person or thing we are talking about:

*"Bill Gates is the man **who** created Windows."*

*"This is the place **which** Jack works."*



In this kind of relative clause, **we can use *that*** instead of *who* or *which*:

*"Bill Gates is the man **that** created Windows."*

*"This is the place **which** Jack works."*



We can **leave out** the pronoun **if it is the object** of the relative clause:

*"This is the place **that** Jack works."* (that is the object of built)

Be careful!

The relative pronoun is the subject/object of the relative clause, so we **do not repeat** the subject/object:

*"Bill Gates is the man **who** ~~he~~ created Windows."*

(who is the subject of discovered, so we don't need he)

*"This is the place **that** Jack works ~~it~~."*

(that is the object of built, so we don't need it)