

THE ADJECTIVE CLAUSE

An **adjective clause** is a subordinate clause used to modify a noun or a pronoun in the main clause. It may be introduced by the pronouns **who, whose, whom, which,** or **that** (and sometimes **when** or **where**). These pronouns are called **relative pronouns** because they relate to a noun or a pronoun in the sentence. Occasionally, no relative pronoun is used, but it is implied or understood.

Is she the girl whom you met at the party? (whom relates to girl)

This is a book that I like. (that relates to book)

This is a book I like. (that is implied)

This is a house where Washington slept. (where relates to house)

Identifying Adjective Clauses. Underline the adjective clause in each of the following sentences. Circle the word it modifies.

Example: The book that he wrote has just been published.

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