

Combine Sentences Using Relative Clauses #1

A **relative clause** is a dependent clause that functions as an adjective. It provides more information about the noun or pronoun it modifies. A relative clause is often signaled by one of these relative pronouns: *who*, *whom*, *whose*, *which*, or *that*.

Ms. McCoy, **who** teaches creative writing, assigned a book report.

*The relative clause provides information about the noun **Ms. McCoy**.*

You can use a relative clause to combine sentences. Here's an example:

The novel is one of my favorites. We're reading it in Ms. McCoy's class.

The novel **that** we're reading in Ms. McCoy's class is one of my favorites.

*The relative clause provides information about the noun **novel**.*



Complete the relative clause to combine the sentences. **Sample Answers**

1. Our school's soccer team is competing for the state championship title. They've won it the past three years.

Our school's soccer team is competing for the state championship title, **which** they've won the past three years.

2. Our family went on a long hike in Yellowstone National Park. It had the most beautiful views we've ever seen.

The long hike **that** our family went on in Yellowstone National Park had the most beautiful views we've ever seen.

3. The young actor is starring as Iago in the community theater's production of Othello. His first acting role had only two speaking lines.

The young actor **whose** first acting role had only two speaking lines is starring as Iago in his community theater's production of *Othello*.

4. After a year of dedicated service, Ahmed was hired as a full-time employee. He volunteers as a dog walker at the animal shelter.

After a year of dedicated service, Ahmed, **who** volunteers as a dog walker at the animal shelter, was hired as a full-time employee.

5. Maurizio ran into Samina while hunting for vintage clothes at Silvia's Secondhand Treasures. He hadn't seen her since the end of the school year.

While hunting for vintage clothes at Silvia's Secondhand Treasures, Maurizio ran into Samina, **whom** he hadn't seen since the end of the school year.