



## Antecedents and Relative Pronouns Study sheet

### **Antecedents:**

An antecedent is a word, phrase, or clause to which a pronoun refers back to.

It can be a noun, pronoun, or even a whole sentence.

Example: The cat is hungry. It wants some food.

In this example, "the cat" is the antecedent, and "it" is the pronoun referring back to the antecedent.

### **Relative Pronouns:**

Relative pronouns are pronouns that introduce a relative clause.

A relative clause is a dependent clause that modifies a noun or pronoun.

Common relative pronouns include: who, whom, whose, which, and that.

Example: The boy who lives next door is my friend.

In this example, "who" is the relative pronoun, introducing the relative clause "who lives next door", which modifies the noun "boy".

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### **Exercises:**

#### **Question 1: Identify the antecedent and the pronoun in the following sentences:**

- a. My sister lost her backpack on the way to school.

**Antecedent:**

**Pronoun:**

- b. The students forgot to bring their books to class.

**Antecedent:**

**Pronoun:**

- c. Sarah has her hair up in a ponytail.

**Antecedent:**

**Pronoun:**



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d. George has lunch with his family on Mondays.

**Antecedent:**

**Pronoun:**

e. Ben wore his black blazer to work yesterday.

**Antecedent:**

**Pronoun:**

f. Betty likes to warm her milk before drinking it.

**Antecedent:**

**Pronoun:**

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**Question 2: Choose the correct relative pronoun to complete the sentence:**

1. The book \_\_\_\_\_ I borrowed from the library was very interesting.

- A. who
- B. whom
- C. whose
- D. which

2. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ barked at the mailman was very friendly.

- A. that
- B. who
- C. whom
- D. Whose



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3. The boy, \_\_\_\_\_ won the science fair, is my neighbor.  
A. that  
B. who  
C. whom  
D. Whose
4. The cake \_\_\_\_\_ my grandmother made was delicious.  
A. that  
B. who  
C. whom  
D. Whose
5. The woman, \_\_\_\_\_ car was stolen, called the police.  
A. that  
B. Who  
C. Whom  
D. Whose
6. The car \_\_\_\_\_ we rented was red.  
A. That  
B. Who  
C. Whom  
D. whose

### **Question 3: Combine the two sentences using a relative pronoun:**

1. My brother loves to play basketball. He is very good at it.
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2. The book was written by J.K. Rowling. It is about a boy wizard.
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3. I know a girl. She speaks three languages fluently.

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4. The man is talking to my mother. His son is in my class.

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5. The house is on the corner. We visited it last summer.

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6. The teacher gave us a lot of homework. We had to stay up late to finish it.

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**Question 4: Write 3 sentences that include an antecedent and a relative pronoun.**

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