

Relative pronouns

(*who, whose, which, that, as*)

Relative pronouns not only **point back to a noun or a pronoun** mentioned before but also have conjunctive power. They ***introduce attributive clauses***. The word they refer to is called their ***antecedent***. It may be a noun or a pronoun.

Who is used in reference to ***human beings or animals***.

Whose is mainly used in reference ***to human beings or animals***, but it may be applied to ***things***.

Which is used in reference to ***things and animals***.

That is mainly used in reference to ***animals and things***. It may also be used in reference to ***human beings***