

I The following sentences contain mistakes in the relative clauses. Find and correct them.

She must get up early, ~~what~~ she doesn't like. → which

- The river who flows through Paris is called the Seine.
- Are you laughing at the man whom is my friend?
- They stayed 6 months in the USA, what was beneficial for their English.
- He asked for the same information, that was very rude.
- This is the man which I gave the ticket to.

II Put the correct relative pronouns in the spaces below.

- The woman _____ daughter lives in our street, is a journalist. She has a dog _____ barks loudly at night.
- The girl _____ answered the phone was my cousin. She is the person _____ I trust the most.
- The man _____ came will tell you the news. He is the man _____ words you can rely on.
- Things went wrong, _____ was unexpected, and there was no one there _____ could help us.
- Those _____ were present at the lectures will tell you everything _____ you need.

III Join the following sentences to make defining relative clauses using an appropriate relative pronoun as a connective.

The woman came in for an interview. She failed the test

The women who/that came in for an interview failed the test.

- The man doesn't know his trade. He made this software.
- The letter had no stamp on it. We received it today.
- All the people were suited for the job. They applied through our site.
- The painting has been sold. You were talking about it last week.
- I met some people at the seaside. They were all tourists.

Answer key:

I

- a. → that
- b. → who
- c. → which
- d. → which
- e. → whom/that (it's also common to use 'who' when speaking informally)

II

- a. whose; that
- b. who/that; whom/that
- c. who/that; whose
- d. which; who/that
- e. who/that; that

III

- a. The man who/that made this software doesn't know his trade.
- b. The letter that we received today had no stamp on it. / The letter, which we received today, had no stamp on it. (if it's being said as extra information, you would use 'which')
- c. All the people who/that applied through our site were suited for the job.
- d. The painting that you were talking about last week has been sold.
- e. I met some people at the seaside who/that were all tourists.

Remember 'that' is normally used in defining/restrictive relative clauses instead of 'which'.