

I Change the second sentence in each group of sentences into a relative clause using the pronoun in the brackets and insert it into the space in the first sentence.

The Empire State Building, *which we are just going into*, is one of the tallest buildings in the world.
We are just going into it. (which)

- The band, _____, became popular in 1980's.
You have just been listening to their music. (whose)
- He is a famous scientist, _____.
Many books have been written about him. (about whom)
- She picked up a toy _____.
Her son was playing with the toy. (which)
- They've put themselves into a dangerous situation.
 _____.
They had no control over the situation. (which)
- We were greatly impressed by Mr Banks, _____.
We had just been introduced to him. (whom)

II Replace the words in italics with appropriate relative pronouns to make it sound more natural.

The man *whose* you were talking to runs his own business.

The man *whom* you were talking to runs his own business.

- The elephant, *who* is an animal that never forgets, lives more than a hundred years.
- He studied hard in his youth, *that* contributed to his success in later life.
- It was difficult to understand *which* the lecturer was saying.
- Aren't you going to tell me *whose* you saw at the cinema?
- Nobody knows *whom* jacket that is.

III Put brackets around the relative pronoun if it can be omitted.

There's something (that) I should tell you.

- The man whom the judge is talking to at the moment is a very prominent lawyer.
- Let's go though the main points that he made in the lecture.
- The Eiffel Tower, which we are looking at now, is one of the most visited sites in the world.
- The woman whose money was stolen was reluctant to report the theft to the police.
- I didn't meet anyone who I knew personally.

Answer key

I

1. The band, whose music you have just been listening to, became popular in 1980's.
2. He is a famous scientist, about whom many books have been written.
3. She picked up a toy which her son was playing with.
4. They've put themselves into a dangerous situation which they had no control over.
5. We were greatly impressed by Mr Banks, whom we had just been introduced to.

II

1. The elephant, *which* is an animal that never forgets, lives more than a hundred years.
2. He studied hard in his youth, *which* contributed to his success in later life.
3. It was difficult to understand *what* the lecturer was saying.
4. Aren't you going to tell me *who* you saw at the cinema?
5. Nobody knows *whose* jacket that is.

III

1. The man (whom) the judge is talking to at the moment is a very prominent lawyer.
2. Let's go through the main points (that) he made in the lecture.
3. The Eiffel Tower, which we are looking at now, is one of the most visited sites in the world.
4. The woman whose money was stolen was reluctant to report the theft to the police.
5. I didn't meet anyone (whom) I knew personally.