Linking Word Sort

Sort the words, explain two choices, and write your own.

4.LF.39.a "Use relative pronouns who, whose, which, and that, relative adverbs where, when, and how, and irregular possessive nouns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

RELATIVE PRONOUN

A relative pronoun connects a detail to a person or thing. Who, whose, which, and that are relative pronouns.

The pilot **whose** scarf vanished laughed.

RELATIVE ADVERB

A relative adverb connects a detail about a place, time, or way. Where, when, and how are relative adverbs.

This is **how** the gardener grew giant pumpkins.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the category for each bold word, then choose two item numbers and explain how you knew on the lines below.

1. The dancer **who** won the contest waved. PRONOUN ADVERB

2. We visited the studio **where** robots are built. PRONOUN ADVERB

3. The lantern **that** hung by the door glowed. PRONOUN ADVERB

4. The book **which** sat on the shelf was dusty. PRONOUN ADVERB

5. The puppy **who** chased the ball yawned. PRONOUN ADVERB

6. I remember the day **when** our team met. PRONOUN ADVERB

7. The cave **where** bats sleep is dark. PRONOUN ADVERB

8. The kite **that** snagged on a branch tore. PRONOUN ADVERB

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write two new sentences, one with a relative pronoun and one with a relative adverb, and underline each linking word.

PRONOUN _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both a relative pronoun and a relative adverb, and underline both words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The dancer **who** won the contest waved.	**PRONOUN**	Who refers back to the dancer.
2	We visited the studio **where** robots are built.	**ADVERB**	Where connects a detail about the place, the studio.
3	The lantern **that** hung by the door glowed.	**PRONOUN**	That refers back to the lantern.
4	The book **which** sat on the shelf was dusty.	**PRONOUN**	Which refers back to the book.
5	The puppy **who** chased the ball yawned.	**PRONOUN**	Who refers back to the puppy.
6	I remember the day **when** our team met.	**ADVERB**	When connects a detail about a time, the day.
7	The cave **where** bats sleep is dark.	**ADVERB**	Where connects a detail about the place, the cave.
8	The kite **that** snagged on a branch tore.	**PRONOUN**	That refers back to the kite.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **PRONOUN**: The player <u>whose</u> shoe came untied stopped running.
- **ADVERB**: The pond <u>where</u> ducks swim is deep.

Challenge: The neighbor <u>who</u> gardens lives on the street <u>where</u> I ride my bike.

Items 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8 are pronouns; items 2, 6, and 7 are adverbs. For Part 2, accept explanations that connect a pronoun to a person or thing, or an adverb to a place or time.