

Link Word Detectives

Sort sentences by the kind of relative word they use.

4.L.GC.1.31 "Grammar: Use relative pronouns and relative adverbs. (Master)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

RELATIVE PRONOUN

A relative pronoun stands for a noun and starts a describing part of a sentence.

The scientist whom we thanked smiled.

RELATIVE ADVERB

A relative adverb starts a describing part that tells about a place, time, or reason.

I remember the moment when fireworks began.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle PRONOUN or ADVERB for each sentence, then choose two item numbers and explain which relative word made each choice.

1. The player who scored waved.

PRONOUN

ADVERB

2. The kite that flew away was yellow.

PRONOUN

ADVERB

3. The drawer where we keep maps is stuck.

PRONOUN

ADVERB

4. The puppy whose leash is blue is mine.

PRONOUN

ADVERB

5. I know the reason why the bell rang.

PRONOUN

ADVERB

6. The field where the game ended was muddy.

PRONOUN

ADVERB

7. The book which has poems is new.

PRONOUN

ADVERB

8. The reason why the gate closed is clear.

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 _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new sentence with a relative pronoun and one new sentence with a relative adverb.

PRONOUN _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses a relative pronoun and a relative adverb, then list the two words you used.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The player who scored waved.	PRONOUN	Who is a relative pronoun that refers to player.
2	The kite that flew away was yellow.	PRONOUN	That is a relative pronoun that refers to kite.
3	The drawer where we keep maps is stuck.	ADVERB	Where is a relative adverb that refers to the place, drawer.
4	The puppy whose leash is blue is mine.	PRONOUN	Whose is a relative pronoun that shows the puppy owns the leash.
5	I know the reason why the bell rang.	ADVERB	Why is a relative adverb connected to the reason.
6	The field where the game ended was muddy.	ADVERB	Where is a relative adverb that refers to the place, field.
7	The book which has poems is new.	PRONOUN	Which is a relative pronoun that refers to book.
8	The reason why the gate closed is clear.	ADVERB	Why is a relative adverb connected to the reason.

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 artist who painted the poster works downtown.
- **ADVERB:** The garden where butterflies rest has a stone path.

Challenge: The museum where we met has a guide who tells funny stories. Words used: where, who.

For Part 2, students should name the relative word in each chosen sentence and explain whether it introduces detail about a noun or about a place, time, or reason. Accept original Part 3 and challenge sentences that use the relative words correctly.