RELATIVE PRONOUNS

The Correct Use of “Who”, “That”, and “Which”

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STUDY

RULE #1:
Use “who” or “that” only when referring persons. “Who” is only ever used for people. “That” can be used for people or objects and animals (things). Never use “that” to describe a specific person, only for a group of people or type of person.

Example: The woman who called you is Mrs. Smith.

The citizen groups are the ones that you should talk to.

The person who called you was a salesman.

RULE #2:
Use “which” to refer to objects and animals (things). Never use “which” for a person.

Example: Gary lost the key which you had given him.

The elephant which stampeded was shot.

PRACTICE

Write “who,” “that,” or “which” in each blank.

1) The money ________ was stolen was never recovered.
2) The lady ________ is wearing a yellow skirt is Tim’s grandmother.
3) The students ________ were absent had a different assignment.
4) I did not recognize the man ________ spoke to us.
5) He kept the letter ________ was addressed to William.
6) Show her the award ________ you won last night.
7) You should speak only with the person ________ is in charge.
8) Luke’s mother is the one ___________ is head of the committee.
9) I saw the man ___________ was accused of murder.
10) The car ___________ blocked the driveway was a blue Ford.
11) Jill is a person ___________ everyone admires.
12) The book ___________ Mr. Smith assigned to read was interesting.
13) The runner ___________ finishes first gets a medal.
14) The house ___________ is next to mine was sold.
15) The report ___________ we read changed our minds.
16) The keys ___________ are hidden under the rug are Lisa’s.
17) They caught the man ___________ stole the car.
18) Does Charles know the woman ___________ is sitting beside him?
19) The ones ___________ guess the exact number receive a bicycle.
20) Alexander dropped the television ___________ he won at the fair.
21) The song ___________ I plan to sing is my own composition.
22) Pick the answer ___________ best completes the statement.
23) Ask the boy ___________ is standing next to the door.
24) The car ___________ I sent Dave from Belgium arrived yesterday.
25) My friend ___________ lives in Japan is coming to visit me.
ANSWERS:

1) which
2) who
3) that
4) who
5) which
6) which
7) that
8) who
9) who
10) which
11) who
12) which
13) who
14) which
15) which
16) which
17) who
18) who
19) that
20) which
21) which
22) which
23) who
24) which
25) who