

Limitations of how “relative pronouns” can be used

	Who/whom	Which/that	Where	When	Whose
Person	√				√
Place		√	√		√
Thing		√			√
Idea		√			√
Time				√	

In Figure 3 above on *classification of pronouns*, pronouns such as *who* and *which* appear both as *interrogative* and *relative* pronoun. It is easy to distinguish between these, based upon the usage.

The person who has a beard, is the President.

– Relative pronoun *who* relates to (refers to) the noun *person*.

Who is the President of the party?

– Interrogative pronoun (asks question).

This car, which has been with us for twelve years, has never given us any trouble.

– Relative pronoun *which* relates to (refers to) the noun *car*.

Which car has witnessed the highest growth in sales over the last year?

– Interrogative pronoun (asks question).