

Relative Pronouns

Qui, Quae, Quod... (singular) Qui, Quae, Quae... (plural)

Be able to reproduce this chart mentally or orally sine mora.

	<i>masculine</i>	<i>feminine</i>	<i>neuter</i>	<i>usual translation</i>
<i>nom. sg.</i>	quī	quae	quod	<i>who, which, what, that</i>
<i>gen. sg.</i>	cuius	cuius	cuius	<i>whose, of whom, of which</i>
<i>dat. sg.</i>	cui	cui	cui	<i>to/for whom; to/for which</i>
<i>acc. sg.</i>	quem	quam	quod	<i>whom, which, that</i>
<i>abl. sg.</i>	quō	quā	quō	<i>by whom; by which</i>
<i>nom. pl.</i>	quī	quae	quae	<i>who, which, what, that</i>
<i>gen. pl.</i>	quōrum	quārum	quōrum	<i>whose, of whom, of which</i>
<i>dat. pl.</i>	quibus	quibus	quibus	<i>to/for whom; to/for which</i>
<i>acc. pl.</i>	quōs	quās	quae	<i>whom, which, that</i>
<i>abl. pl.</i>	quibus	quibus	quibus	<i>by whom; by which</i>

Rules to Remember:

1. The CASE comes from the (relative) CLAUSE.

2. The GENDER and NUMBER come from the ANTECEDENT.

The **case of the relative pronoun** derives from its use in its own, dependent clause:

I liked the book **that** she gave me. Mihi placebat liber **quem** mihi dedit.

1. The dependent clause is "**that she gave me.**" The relative word **that** is in the accusative case because it is the object in its own clause: She gave what? She gave **that**.
2. The gender and number of **quem** must be masculine and singular because the antecedent **liber** is masculine and singular.

Further examples:

The man who wrote the book is working hard.

The woman who is running toward the field is his sister.

He will see the river whose waters are dangerous.

The tyrant is a person for whom no leisure is safe.

He gave a gift to the woman whom we saw there.

Caesar, about whom this book says many things, has died.

Vir **qui** librum scripsit diligenter laborat.

Femina **quae** ad agrum currit soror ei est.

Flumen videbit **cuius** aquae periculosae sunt.

Tyrannus est homo **cui** nullum otium tutum est.

Donum dedit feminae **quam** ibi vidimus.

Mortuus est Caesar, **de quo** hic liber multa dicit.