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Relative clauses with prepositions + which and whom

Relative Clauses 1

Relative clauses with prepositions

Defining clauses:

We can use a **preposition** (forsetningar) before **which** and **whom** (e.g. in which, with whom) in a defining relative clause.

- That's the town **in which** he was born.
- The people **with whom** I stayed were very kind.

But, in everyday speech, it is more usual to put the **preposition** at the **end** of the clause and to **leave out the pronoun which, whom**, etc.

- That's the town he was born **in**.
- The people I stayed **with** were very kind.

Relative Clauses 2

Relative clauses with **which** and **whom**

Non-defining clauses:

a In a very **formal** style, we can also use a preposition before **which** and **whom** in a **non-defining** relative clause.

- She's studying chemistry, **about which I know very little**. (**Very formal**)
- Mr and Mrs Morris, **with whom we went on holiday**, live in Bristol. (**EXTREMELY formal**)

But, in everyday speech, it is more usual to put the **preposition at the end of the clause** and to use **who** instead of **whom**.

- She's studying chemistry, **which I know very little about**.
- Mr and Mrs Morris, **who we went on holiday with**, live in Bristol.

Note that we *cannot leave out* the pronoun **which**, **who**, etc. in a non-defining clause.

b Note the structure **some of / many of / much of / none of / all off** etc. + **which / whom**.

- A number of my friends, **some of whom you've met before**, will be at the party.
- He gave me a lot of advice, **much of which was very useful**.