Defining Relative Pronouns Exercise

1. people - that / who / whom
2. owners - whose
3. things - that / which
4. places - where

When the relative pronoun is an **object**, it can be **omitted** (except with whose and where).

- Main clause -  Relative clause -
  That is the man - whom* / who
  that
  "nothing"
  object
  relative pronoun
  * whom is used less and less these days

Combine the sentences using defining relative pronouns. When the relative pronoun is an **object**, it can be **omitted** (except with whose and where).

1. That's the girl. She spoke to me yesterday.
2. The man smoked forty cigarettes a day. He died of a heart attack.
3. The car was stolen. It was a BMW.
4. I rent a house. It is very small.
5. We stayed in a hotel. The hotel was very expensive.
6. The businessman was very rich. I saw him last night.
7. That's the building. I work there.
8. That's the boy. His mother works in the post office.
9. That's the dog. Its owner is French.
10. What's the name of the book? You want me to read it.
11. Georgina works for a company. The company imports garden furniture.
12. Anabel looks stunning in that black dress. She bought it in the sales.
Answers
1. That's the girl who spoke to me yesterday.
2. The man who died of a heart attack smoked forty cigarettes a day.
   The man who smoked forty cigarettes a day died of a heart attack.
3. The car that / which was stolen was a BMW.
4. The house I rent is very small.
   I rent a house which / that is very small.
5. The hotel we stayed in was very expensive.
   The hotel that / which we stayed in was very expensive.
   We stayed in a hotel which was very expensive.
6. The businessman I saw last night was very rich.
   The businessman that / who / whom I saw last night was very rich.
7. That's the building where I work.
8. That's the boy whose mother works in the post office.
9. That's the dog whose owner is French.
10. What's the name of the book you want me to read?
    What's the name of the book that / which you want me to read?
11. Georgina works for a company that imports garden furniture.
    The company Georgina works for imports garden furniture.
12. Anabel looks stunning in that black dress she bought from the sales.
    Anabel looks stunning in that black dress that / which she bought from the sales.