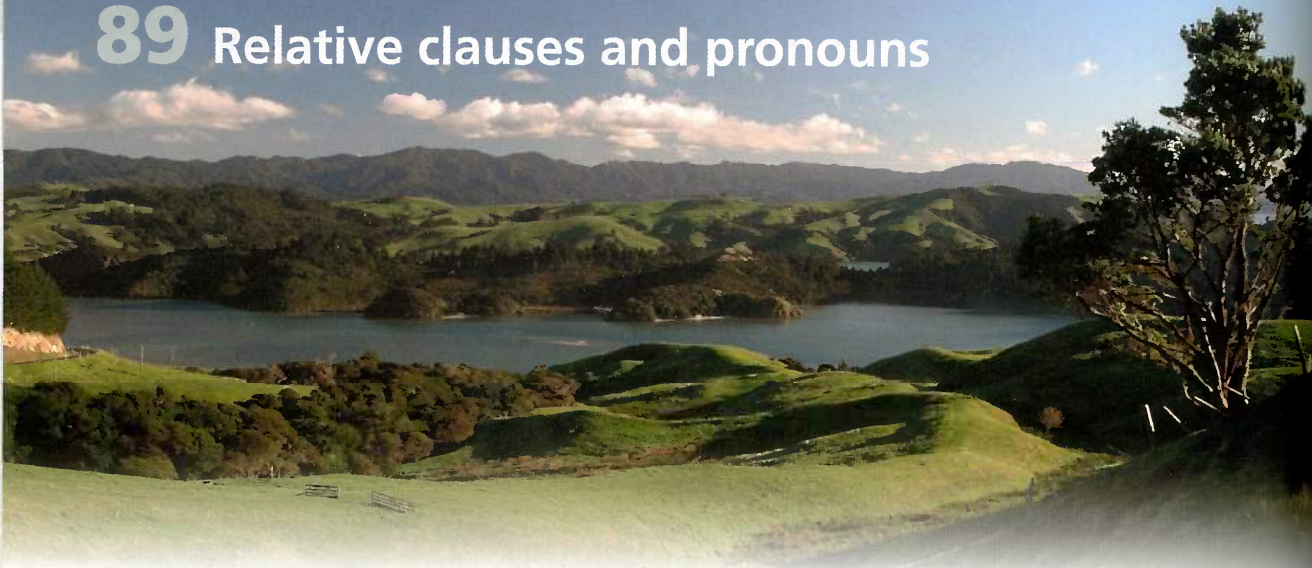


89 Relative clauses and pronouns



Director Peter Jackson filmed the three movies which form the *Lord of the Rings* series in his home country, New Zealand.

1 Relative clauses

We can use relative clauses to make two sentences into one sentence:

TWO SENTENCES

Sentence 1

*This is my brother.
There are three movies.
I've got a new mobile phone.*

Sentence 2

*He lives in Japan.
They form the 'Lord of the Rings' series.
It takes brilliant photos.*

ONE SENTENCE

Main clause

*This is my brother
There are three movies
I've got a new mobile phone*

Relative clause

*who lives in Japan.
which form the 'Lord of the Rings' series
that takes brilliant photos.*

The relative clause gives us more information about the person or thing in the main clause.

2 *who, which, that*

We introduce a relative clause with a relative pronoun (*who, which* or *that*).

- *who* is for a relative clause about people:
*Alexander Graham Bell was the man **who** invented the telephone.*
*Do you know the woman **who** works at the cinema?*
- *which* is for a relative clause about animals or things (but not people):
*The horse **which** won the race has died. I've bought a new computer **which** cost £800.*
- we can use *that* for people, animals and things:
*I've contacted all the students **that** took the exam. It's a phone **that** plays music.*



In a relative clause, *who, which, or that* REPLACES *he, she, it, etc.* or a noun:

- ✗ ~~*Jose is the man who he lives next door.*~~
- ✓ *Jose is the man **who** lives next door.*
- ✗ ~~*We don't go to restaurants which they serve meat.*~~
- ✓ *We don't go to restaurants **which** serve meat.*