90 Relative pronouns

Basildon Park is a house **which** often appears in films.
It's the house **which** they used in *Pride and Prejudice*.

1 Relative pronoun as subject

Look at these sentences:

Basildon Park is a house . Basildon Park often appears in films.

Basildon Park is a house ***which often appears*** *in films.*

Here, *which* = the subject of *appears*. It replaces the noun *Basildon Park* in the second sentence.

2 Relative pronoun as object

Now look at these sentences:

Basildon Park is a house . They used the house in 'Pride and Prejudice'.

Basildon Park is the house ***which they used*** *in 'Pride and Prejudice'.*

Here, *which* = the object of *used*.

We can also use *who* and *that* in this way:

The teacher ***who*** *I like most is my music teacher.*

Alex is the guy ***that*** *I met yesterday.*

NATURAL ENGLISH We often use relative clauses without *which*, *who* or *that* when they are the object of the verb:

Basildon Park is the house they used in 'Pride and Prejudice'.
The teacher I like most is my music teacher.
Alex is the guy I met yesterday.

⚠ Don't repeat the noun or pronoun:

✗ ~~*The house they used in the film it was called Basildon Park.*~~
✓ *The* ***house*** *they used in the film* ***was called*** *Basildon Park.*

⚠ We need the relative pronoun when it is the subject:

✗ ~~*Basildon Park is a house often appears in film.*~~
✓ *Basildon Park is a house* ***which*** *often appears in films.*