

Unit 10

comment ['kɒmənt]
mess [mes]
see red
mess with
mess up

what and which as relative pronouns

What used as a relative pronoun means *the thing that*.

For example:

What you said was rude. - **The thing that** you said was rude.

What she likes about him is his sense of humour. - **The thing that** she likes about him is his sense of humour.

Which used as a relative pronoun follows a group of words in a non-identifying sentence, as a comment on this sentence.

For example:

Lucy wasn't invited to Gary's birthday party, which was rather surprising.

Tom came late to work again, which made his manager see red.

What does 'what' mean when used as a relative pronoun?

'What' used as a relative pronoun means 'the thing that'.

How do we use 'which' as a relative pronoun?

'Which' used as a relative pronoun follows a group of words in the sentence, as a comment on this sentence.

Give me an example of a sentence with 'what'.

*What really worries me is the way he drives.
What he did was a real surprise for everyone.
What she said isn't important at all.*

Give me an example of a sentence with 'which'.

I saw a mess on his desk, which is nothing special. He came late again, which made everyone angry. All of them wanted to take part in it, which was quite shocking.

If you organised a party at home, would the place be in an awful mess afterwards?

Yes, if I organised a party at home, the place would be in an awful mess afterwards.



Do children often leave a room in a complete mess when they have played there? *Yes, children often leave a room in a complete mess when they have played there.*

How long does it take before a puppy learns not to mess on the floor? *It takes three months before a puppy learns not to mess on the floor.*

What kind of people isn't it wise to mess with? *It isn't wise to mess with lawyers.*

Why not? *Because knowing the law well gives them a great advantage over others.*

What do you have to do if you mess up an exam? *If I mess up an exam, I have to study more and take it again.*

majority [mə'dʒɔrəti]

minority [maɪ'nɔrəti]

religious [ri'lɪdʒəs]

ban [bæn]

diabetic [daɪə'betɪk]

ban

ban somebody from something
ban somebody from doing something

The child was banned from playing games on the console for two weeks.

Which language do you think is spoken by the majority of Canadians: English or French? *I think English is the language spoken by the majority of Canadians.*

Are majority of people in your country for or against smoking bans in public places? *Majority of people in my country are for smoking bans in public places.*

Where in the world are religious minorities and religious freedom threatened? *Religious minorities and religious freedom are threatened in some countries in Europe and Asia, such as North Korea for example.*

Are the human rights of minorities well protected in your country? *Yes, the human rights of minorities are well protected in my country.*

What do courts sometimes ban people from doing if they are suspected of committing an offence? *Courts sometimes ban people from leaving the country if they are suspected of committing an offence.*

What could happen if you were caught drink driving? *If I were caught drink driving, I could be banned from driving vehicles for some time or even forever.*

