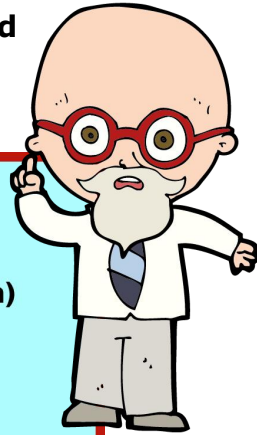


6.9 Relative Clauses: No Prepositions at the End of Sentences!

There is an old grammar rule that says you should never end a sentence with a preposition. (Actually, when you are speaking, it is fine to end a sentence with a preposition. However, in formal writing, you should try to rearrange the sentences so that the preposition is not at the end.) **To do this, you need to put the preposition before "which" or "whom"** (you cannot use "that" or "who" after the preposition).



Jane is the girl **whom** I was talking **to**. ("to" is a preposition)

→ Jane is the girl **to whom** I was talking.

Physics is a subject **that** I know very little **about**. ("about" is a preposition)

→ Physics is a subject **about which** I know very little.

This is the room **that** I found the spider **in**. ("in" is a preposition)

→ This is the room **in which** I found the spider.

This is the book **that** the movie is based **on**. ("on" is a preposition)

→ This is the book **on which** the movie is based.

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Fill in the blanks with a preposition and which or whom

1. I made a new rule that everyone is complaining about.

→ I made a new rule _____ everyone is complaining.

2. This is a class that we discuss current events in.

→ This is a class _____ we discuss current events.

3. She is the girl whom I had a relationship with a long time ago.

→ She is the girl _____ I had a relationship a long time ago.

4. Head Teacher is the job that I was recommended for.

→ Head Teacher is the job _____ I was recommended.

5. Which country are we at war with?

→ _____ country are we at war?