Adjective Clauses

They are also called relative clauses , because they connect certain adjectives or attributes to the head of the sentences.

Adjective clauses are dependent clauses that modify nouns or pronouns. Much like adverbial clauses, students who are trying to identify adjective clauses should try to determine what kinds of questions the clause in questions answers. Adjective clauses clarify the noun or noun phrase by answering questions about "which?" or "what type of?"

The guitar, which was the one Elvis used to own, was found at a garage sale.

Whitey broke the law which lead to his incarceration.

Jeremy, who won the lottery, now lives in Malibu.

In these examples, the adjective clauses provide information that answers the question of "which."

Relative Pronouns

Adjective clauses are typically introduced by relative pronouns. The most common relative pronouns are as follows:

who, whom, whose, whomever, whoever, whichever, that, which, what, whatever