

Advanced 1
Unit 5: Language Focus 2
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Preposition + Adjective Clause

Point:

It is possible to use a preposition before an adjective clause if it starts with the relative pronoun "which" or "whom".

Examples:

*The hotel **that** we stayed **in** was near the house of a famous Hollywood star. (Colloquial)*

*The hotel **which** we stayed **in** was near the house of a famous Hollywood star. (Formal)*

*The hotel **in which** we stayed was near the house of a famous Hollywood star. (Highly Formal)*

colloquial = informal and conversational

*The man **that** I wrote a letter **to** is currently the mayor of our city. (Colloquial)*

*The man **whom** I wrote a letter **to** is currently the mayor of our city. (Formal)*

*The man **to whom** I wrote a letter is currently the mayor of our city. (Highly Formal)*

Point:

The use of the preposition before the relative pronoun "which" or "whom" in an adjective clause makes our sentence look highly formal. In everyday English, it is more common to use the relative pronoun "that" and not to move the preposition anywhere.

More Examples:

*The book **in which** I found this information is very old.*

*She is the person **to whom** I owe my success.*

*This is the museum **from which** they stole the painting.*

*He is the teacher **with whom** I studied English.*

*The city **in which** we live is very crowded.*

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