

Day 14

Linking Words Box 4

☆Answer Choice TYPE C : “Linking words”

(d): Relatives (1) →20 seconds

Step 1

Check the four answer choices

- If you find such relatives as which/ who/ whose/ what/ that/ when/ where,
The question typically asks about a relative clause marker.

Step 2

Check after the blank

A. If you find a Subject missing clause, i.e. if the blank is followed by a verb,

- You need a Relative Pronoun: Subject Case.

◎Check before the blank

- a. If the antecedent is a person, choose ‘who’ or ‘that’.
E.g. that is the manager () signed the contract.
- b. If a thing, choose ‘which’ or ‘that’. E.g. this is the contract () was signed yesterday.
- c. The relative pronoun ‘which’ preceded by a comma can refer to the preceding clause.
E.g. the company’s sales dropped, () disappointed the directors.

B. If you find a Possessive Adjective missing clause, i.e. if the blank is followed by a noun without a possessive adjective or other determiners,

- You need a Relative Pronoun in Possessive Case: ‘whose’.

E.g. that is the manager () secretary is very efficient.