

# *Adjective Clauses*

- Adjective clauses are groups of words that act like adjectives—they describe or give additional information about a noun or pronoun.

The man **who helped me** works at the college.

The book **that I bought** is very interesting.

(The adjective clauses give me more information about *the man* and *the book*.)

- Adjective clauses are always placed next to the noun that they are describing.
- Adjective clauses are used to combine shorter, repetitive sentences into one sentence.
- Nouns can be subjects or objects, right? Adjective clauses can be used to describe both!

# Adjective clauses (subject)

- The woman helped me.
  - The woman was Mrs. Perky.
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- The woman *who helped me* was Mrs. Perky.



# Adjective clauses (object)

- The man was Mr. Perky.
- I saw him.
- The man *whom* I saw was Mr. Perky.
- The man *that* I saw was Mr. Perky.
- The man  $\emptyset$  I saw was Mr. Perky.





# How do you create an adjective clause in English?

- *Step 1.* Find the word that is the same in both sentences (look for the repetition).

**The sentence** has a mistake.

**The sentence** is on the board.

- *Step 2.* Change the repeated word to the correct relative pronoun (who, that, which, whom, whose)

**that** is on the board

- *Step 3.* Put the new adjective clause **right after** the noun that is being described.

**The sentence that is on the board has a mistake.**