

## Relative Pronouns

Imagine, a girl is talking to Tom. You want to know who she is and ask a friend whether he knows her. You could say:

*A girl is talking to Tom. Do you know the girl?*

That sounds rather complicated, doesn't it? It would be easier with a relative clause: you put both pieces of information into one sentence. Start with the most important thing – you want to know who the girl is.

*Do you know the girl ...*

As your friend cannot know which girl you are talking about, you need to put in the additional information – the girl is talking to Tom. Use "the girl" only in the first part of the sentence; in the second part replace it with the relative pronoun. So the final sentence is:

*Do you know the girl **who** is talking to Tom?*