

RELATIVE PRONOUNS

A relative pronoun agrees with its antecedent in the sentence. If the antecedent is singular, the relative pronoun is singular. If that antecedent is plural, the pronoun is plural. Usually, the meaning of the sentence shows you which word is the antecedent.

Bob is the *boy who has* received the promotion. (singular)

They are the *women who teach* at West School. (plural)

Libby is the only *one of the girls who plays* the piano. (singular)

The Morgans are the sort of *neighbors who are* interested in your welfare. (plural)

Choosing the Correct Form of the Verb. In each of the following sentences, underline the correct form of the verb to be used with the relative pronoun.

1. Jim is the football player who (was, were) elected captain of the team.
2. These are the children who (is, are) in the nursery school.
3. Ms. Thornton is one of the women who (is, are) being considered for the President's cabinet.
4. That is one of the articles that usually (appears, appear) on the back page of the paper.
5. There are two men in our town who (has, have) been elected to state office.
6. Bob is the boy who (has, have) won an appointment to West Point.
7. Art is a person who (is, are) always ready to help others.
8. I sorted out the stamps which (is, are) worth saving.
9. Alice is the only one of my friends who (has, have) been to Europe.
10. This is the only one of the plants that (grows, grow) well in the shade.
11. Bill is one of the boys who (is, are) out for track.
12. Peter is the only one of my cousins who (lives, live) on the family farm.
13. Mrs. White is the only one who (was, were) not home.
14. That television program is the only one that (interests, interest) me.
15. Mrs. Owen is a woman who always (seems, seem) nervous.
16. Kate is the only one of the students who (has, have) been concerned about the results of the exam.
17. That is the oldest ship in the fleet that (is, are) still in action.
18. The package that we ordered (has, have) been in existence a long time.
19. This is one of the clubs that (has, have) been in existence a long time.
20. Those are the women who (is, are) making a quilt for the church bazaar.

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