

# Adjective Clauses with the Relative Pronoun as the Object of Preposition

## Conversion from conversational English to standard formal English

Convert the following sentences from conversational English into formal standard English. Do NOT translate into German yet. Move the preposition in the adjective clause to the front of the clause and correctly place the necessary relative pronoun. The results may sound stilted or stylistically clumsy in English, but the exercise will help you move toward German. Be sure you can identify the adjective clause and relative pronoun in each sentence.

Example:           The people I'm going to the movie with are bringing their children along.  
*convert to this* → The people [*with whom I'm going to the movie*] are bringing their children along.

1.  
The house we live in is nice.
  
2.  
The company I work at has a lot of employees.
  
3.  
Do you know the student I'm living with? (Make *student* feminine when you get to the German on the following page.)
  
4.  
I like the city I live in.
  
5.  
Sebastian bought a car that he's working on.
  
6.  
The people we're thinking of are going to play cards with us tonight.
  
7.  
I like the politicians I'm voting for.
  
8.  
The man I'm waiting for always comes late.
  
9.  
The work you helped me with is very difficult.

1. The house in which we live is nice.
2. The company at which I work at has a lot of employees.
3. Do you know the student with whom I'm living?
4. I like the city in which I live.
5. Sebastian bought a car on which he's working.
6. The people of whom we're thinking are going to play cards with us tonight.
7. I like the politicians for whom I'm voting.
8. The man for whom I'm waiting always comes late.
9. The work with which you helped me is very difficult.

Now translate the above sentences into Grammatically correct German.  
Be sure to pay strict attention to punctuation and word order.

## Wortschatz

company *die Firma*  
employee *der Mitarbeiter - no change in plural*  
to live with *mit jemandem zusammenwohnen*  
to play cards *Karten spielen*

politician *der Politiker - no change in plural*  
vote *wählen*  
late *spät*  
difficult *schwierig*

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1. Das Haus, in dem wir wohnen, ist schön.
2. Die Firma, bei der ich arbeite, hat viele Mitarbeiter.
3. Kennst du die Studentin, mit der ich zusammenwohne? (...bei der...)
4. Ich mag die Stadt, in der ich wohne.  
Die Stadt in der ich wohne, gefällt mir.
5. Sebastian hat ein Auto gekauft, an dem er arbeitet.
6. Die Leute, an die wir denken, werden heute abend mit uns Karten spielen.
7. Ich mag die Politiker, für die ich wähle.  
Die Politiker, für die ich wähle, gefallen mir.
8. Der Mann, auf den ich warte, kommt immer spät.
9. Die Arbeit, bei der du mir geholfen hast, ist schwierig.