

GRAMÁTICA

Relative Pronouns



¿RECUERDAS? p. 136 When you learned the subjunctive, you combined two sentences using the relative pronoun **que**.

Relative pronouns are used to link information found in different parts of a sentence. The **relative clause** provides additional information about the person or thing mentioned in the first part of the sentence.

relative pronoun

relative clause

Quiero ir al **museo** **que** **está cerca del centro**.

*I want to go to the museum **that** is near the center of town.*

You introduce a **relative clause** with a **relative pronoun**. The most common **relative pronoun** in Spanish is **que**. You can use it to refer to both people and things.

refers to a person, the artist

el **artista** **que** **pintó este cuadro**

*the artist **who** painted this painting*

refers to a thing, a play

una **obra** teatral **que** **divierte a todo el mundo**

*a theater play **that** entertains everyone*

Quien (and the plural **quienes**) is the **relative pronoun** that is used to refer to people. It is usually used after a **preposition**.

la **cantante** **con** **quien** **hablé**

*the singer **with** **whom** I spoke*

los **pintores** **de** **quienes** **te hablé**

*the painters **of** **whom** I spoke*

There is
no accent mark on
quien/quienes when you
use them as **relative
pronouns**.