Relative clauses
For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. Aberdeen, ______ my brother lives, is a town in Scotland.
   a. where
   b. which
   c. who
   d. when

2. Which word is NOT possible?
   My parents live in the same house ______ they bought 50 years ago.
   a. that
   b. which
   c. ---
   d. what

3. Sheila, ______ lives next door, is a dinner-lady in our local school.
   a. who
   b. that
   c. ---
   d. which

4. The senior managers, with ______ we are meeting next week, are promising a big money deal.
   a. who
   b. whom
   c. which
   d. whose

5. I met this woman yesterday ______ husband plays golf with my husband!
   a. who
   b. whom
   c. whose
   d. who's

6. The house ______ I live in is 150 years old.
   a. where
   b. which
   c. who
   d. what
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Answers

1. Aberdeen, _______ my brother lives, is a town in Scotland.
   a. where - Correct - where - Use 'where' to refer to places.
   b. which - Use 'which' to refer to things.
   c. who - Use 'who' to refer to people.
   d. when - Use 'when' to refer to times.

2. Which word is NOT possible?
   My parents live in the same house _______ they bought 50 years ago.
   a. that - 'That' is correct – it refers to the house.
   b. which - 'Which' is correct – it refers to the house.
   c. --- - You can omit the pronoun when it refers to the object (they bought the house)
   d. what - Correct - what - 'What' means 'the things that' and is not grammatically correct.

3. Sheila, _______ lives next door, is a dinner-lady in our local school.
   a. who - Correct who - Use 'who' when the pronoun refers to a person in this type of 'extra information' clause.
   b. that - You cannot use 'that' in this type of 'extra information' clause.
   c. --- - You cannot omit the pronoun in this type of 'extra information' clause.
   d. which - You cannot use 'which' to refer to a person.

4. The senior managers, with _______ we are meeting next week, are promising a big money deal.
   a. who - You could say 'who we are meeting with' or 'with whom we are meeting'.
   b. whom - Correct - whom - You could say 'who we are meeting with' or 'with whom we are meeting' (very formal).
   c. which - Use 'which' to refer to things, not people.
   d. whose - Use 'whose' to refer to possessive pronouns.

5. I met this woman yesterday _______ husband plays golf with my husband!
   a. who - Which word is used to refer to her husband?
   b. whom - Which word is used to refer to her husband?
   c. whose - Correct - whose - Whose is used for possessives, i.e. is used to refer to her husband.
   d. who's - Who's = who is. Which word is used to refer to her husband?

6. The house _______ I live in is 150 years old.
   a. where - 'Where' is not possible because of the preposition 'in' (in which I live).
   b. which - Correct - which - 'Which' is the correct answer (in which I live).
   c. who - Use 'who' to refer to people.
   d. what - 'What' means 'the things that'.