

## Examples of relative clauses

θανόντα γάρ με θάψεθ' οὗ τὸ μόρσιμον,

*Once I have died you will bury me where it is fated.*

Euripides Children of Heracles 1030

οἱ δ' εὐδοντ' ἐν νηϊ̄ θοῆ̄ ἐπὶ πόντον ἄγοντες  
 κάτθεσαν εἰν Ἰθάκῃ, ἔδοσαν δέ οἱ ἄσπετα δῶρα,  
 χαλκόν τε χρυσόν τε ἄλις ἐσθῆτά θ' ὑφαντήν,  
 πόλλ', ὅσ' ἂν οὐδέ ποτε Τροίης ἐξήρατ' Ὀδυσσεύς,  
 εἴ περ ἀπήμων ἦλθε, λαχῶν ἀπὸ ληΐδος αἴσαν.

*They put him into their swift ships asleep and put him down on Ithaca and gave him wonderful gifts - bronze and gold and lots of woven cloth - lots and lots - more than he would have brought from Troy if he'd taken his share of the lot and come home unharmed.*

Homer Odyssey 13.134-38

οἶει οὖν τι, ἦν δ' ἐγώ, διαφέρειν φύσιν γενναίου σκύλακος εἰς φυλακὴν νεανίσκου εὐγενοῦς;

τὸ ποῖον λέγεις;

οἶον ὁξύν τέ που δεῖ αὐτοῖν ἐκάτερον εἶναι πρὸς αἴσθησιν

*"Do you think there's any difference in nature between a well-bred puppy and a well-born young man when it comes to guarding?"*

*"What kind of thing do you mean?"*

*"I mean, they've both got to be good at spotting things..."*

Plato Republic 2 375a

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πευθόμεθ', ἧχι ἕκαστος ἀπώλετο λυγρῷ ὀλέθρῳ,  
κείνου δ' αὖ καὶ ὄλεθρον ἀπευθέα θῆκε Κρονίων.

*We know the fate of all the other Greeks that fought at Troy, but his fate Zeus has kept hidden.*

Homer Odyssey 3.86-88

...ἴδετε τὴν ὀμεινέτιν

Αἴαντος, ὃς μέγιστον ἴσχυσεν στρατοῦ,  
οἷας λατρείας ἀνθ' ὅσου ζήλου τρέφει.

*Behold the lover of Ajax, the strongest in the army. See what kind of chores in place of so much envy she is dealing with now.*

Sophocles Ajax 501-3

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 σφυρῶν σιδηρᾶ κέντρα διαπείρας μέσον·  
 ὄθεν νιν Ἑλλάς ὠνόμαζεν Οἰδίπουν.

*He gave the infant to cow-herds to expose, having pierced iron spikes through the middle of his ankle.*

Euripides Phoenician Women 25-6

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μητρὲς ἐμή, τί τ' ἄρα φθονέεις ἐρήρον ἀοιδὸν  
 τέρπειν ὄπη οἱ νόος ὄρνυται;

*Mother, why are you stopping the noble bard from enjoying where his heart is taking him?*

Homer Odyssey 1.346-7

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*Ariaios, who we wanted to make king, is trying to treat us, the friends of Cyrus, badly.*

Xenophon Anabasis 3.2.5

οὔτοι δὴ ἀφῖκται, ἀλλὰ δοκεῖν μὲν μοι ἴξει τήμερον ἐξ ὧν ἀπαγγέλλουσιν ἤκοντές τινες ἀπὸ Σουνίου καὶ καταλιπόντες ἐκεῖ αὐτό.

*It has not exactly come, but I think it will come today from the reports of some men who have come from Sunium and left it there.*

Plato Crito 43d

τεκμαίρομαι δὲ ἔκ τινος ἐνυπνίου ὃ ἑώρακα ὀλίγον πρότερον ταύτης τῆς νυκτός·

*And my reason for this is a dream which I had a little while ago in the course of this night.*

Plato Crito 43a

ἢ τὸ πλοῖον ἀφίκται ἐκ Δήλου, οὗ δεῖ ἀφικομένου τεθνάναι με;

*Has the ship come from Delos, at the arrival of which I am to die?*

Plato Crito 43a

οἱ γὰρ ἐπιεικέστατοι, ὧν μᾶλλον ἄξιον φροντίζειν, ἠγήσονται αὐτὰ οὕτω πεπραχθαι ὥσπερ ἂνπραχθῆ.

*For the most reasonable men, whose opinion is more worth considering, will think that things were done as they really will be done.*

Plato Crito 44d

οὐδὲ πολὺ τὰργύριόν ἐστιν ὃ θέλουσι λαβόντες τινὲς σῶσαί σε καὶ ἐξαγαγεῖν ἐνθὲνδε.

*it is not even a large sum of money which we should pay to some men who are willing to save you and get you away from here.*

Plato Crito 45b

μήτε ταῦτα φοβούμενος ἀποκάμης σαυτὸν σῶσαι, μήτε, ὃ ἔλεγες ἐν τῷ δικαστηρίῳ, δυσχερές σοι γενέσθω ὅτι οὐκ ἂν ἔχοις ἐξελθὼν ὅτι χρῶο σαυτῷ·

*Do not give up saving yourself through fear of this. And do not be troubled by what you said in the court, that if you went away you would not know what to do with yourself.*

Plato Crito 45c

τοιαῦτα σπεύδεις περὶ σαυτὸν γενέσθαι ἅπερ ἂν καὶ οἱ ἐχθροὶ σου σπεύσαιέν τε καὶ ἔσπευσαν σὲ διαφθεῖραι βουλόμενοι.

*And you are eager to bring upon yourself just what your enemies would wish and just what those were eager for who wished to destroy you.*

Plato Crito 45c

τεύξονται δέ, ὡς τὸ εἰκός, τοιούτων οἷάπερ εἴωθεν γίγνεσθαι ἐν ταῖς ὀρφανίαις περὶ τοὺς ὀρφανούς.

*they will probably meet with such treatment as generally comes to orphans in their destitution.*

Plato Crito 45d

τοὺς δὴ λόγους οὓς ἐν τῷ ἔμπροσθεν ἔλεγον οὐ δύναμαι νῦν ἐκβαλεῖν

*And I cannot, now that this has happened to us, discard the arguments I used to advance*

Plato Crito 46c

οὗτός τε ὁ λόγος ὃν διεληλύθαμεν ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ ἔτι ὅμοιος εἶναι καὶ πρότερον·

*the argument we have just finished seems to me still much the same as before;*

Plato Crito 48b

Κρίτων: οὐκ ἔχω, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἀποκρίνασθαι πρὸς ὃ ἐρωτᾷς· οὐ γὰρ ἐννοῶ.

*Crito: I cannot answer your question, Socrates, for I do not understand.*

Plato Crito 50a

ἔτι τοίνυν ἐν αὐτῇ τῇ δίκῃ ἐξῆν σοι φυγῆς τιμήσασθαι εἰ ἐβούλου, καὶ ὅπερ νῦν ἀκούσης τῆς πόλεως ἐπιχειρεῖς, τότε ἐκούσης ποιῆσαι.

*And moreover even at your trial you might have offered exile as your penalty, if you wished, and might have done with the state's consent what you are now undertaking to do without it.*

Plato Crito 52c

πράττεις ἄπερ ἂν δοῦλος ὁ φαυλότατος πράξειεν, ἀποδιδράσκειν ἐπιχειρῶν παρὰ τὰς συνθήκας τε καὶ τὰς ὁμολογίας καθ' ἃς ἡμῖν συνέθου πολιτεύεσθαι.

*You are doing what the meanest slave would do, since you are trying to run away contrary to the compacts and agreements you made with us that you would live in accordance with us*

Plato Crito 52d

θεοὺς μαρτύρεται / οἷας ἀμοιβῆς ἐξ Ἰάσονος κυρεῖ.

*She calls the gods to witness the kind of recompense she is getting from Jason*

Euripides Medea 22-23

ἔγνωκε δ' ἡ τάλαινα συμφορᾶς ὑπο οἷον πατρῶας μὴ ἀπολείπεσθαι χθονός.

*The poor woman has learnt what a boon it is not to abandon one's home*

Euripides Medea 34-35

ἐξέδου κόρην / ὅτω σε θυμὸς ἤγεν.

*You gave your daughter to the man your heart told you.*

Euripides Medea 309-310

ὕμεῖς δὲ σκέψασθε ὅσον ἂν καὶ τοῦτο ἀμαρτάνοιτε Κλέωνι πειθόμενοι.

*Only consider what a blunder you would commit in doing as Cleon recommends.*

Thucydides The Peloponnesian War 3.47



εἰ δὲ διαφθερεῖτε τὸν δῆμον τὸν Μυτιληναίων, ὃς οὔτε μετέσχε τῆς ἀποστάσεως,  
ἐπειδὴ τε ὀπλων ἐκράτησεν, ἐκὼν παρέδωκε τὴν πόλιν, πρῶτον μὲν ἀδικήσετε τοὺς  
εὐεργέτας κτείνοντες, ἔπειτα καταστήσετε τοῖς δυνατοῖς τῶν ἀνθρώπων ὃ βούλονται  
μάλιστα·

*If you go and destroy the demos of Mytilene, which did not take part in the rebellion and  
which, as soon as it laid hands on some weapons willingly surrendered the city to you, you will  
first be wronging your own supporters, and second, you will be handing those in power exactly  
what they want.*

Thucydides Histories 3. 47

Μήδεια: ἀλλ' εὐτυχοίης καὶ τύχοις ὅσων ἐρᾶς.

*I wish you luck: may all your wishes come true.*

Euripides Medea 688

εὐρημα δ' οὐκ οἶσθ' οἷον ἠύρηκας τόδε·

*You don't know what a find you've made.*

Euripides Medea 716

Μήδεια: οὗτος γὰρ ἀνὴρ ἧ μάλιστ' ἐκάμνομεν

λιμὴν πέφανται τῶν ἐμῶν βουλευμάτων·

*This man has appeared where I was most struggling as a harbour for my plans.*

Euripides Medea 768-9

Μήδεια: ὦμωξα δ' οἷον ἔργον ἔστ' ἐργαστέον

τοῦντεῦθεν ἡμῖν· τέκνα γὰρ κατακτενῶ

τάμ'· οὔτις ἔστιν ὅστις ἐξαιρήσεται·

*I lament at the act I must now commit. I will kill my children. Nobody can stop me.*

Euripides Medea 791-3

ὄσα δ' οὗτος παραλέλοιπεν, ἐγὼ καθ' ἕκαστον ὑμᾶς διδάξω.

*I will take you through what he has left out, point by point.*

Lysias Speeches 14.2

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