



Relative Adverbs: Where, When, and Why

Grade 5

Name: _____

Choose the correct relative adverb — where, when, or why — to complete each sentence.

where → refers to a place

when → refers to a time

why → gives a reason

Tip: find the noun being described in the main clause first.

Example: This is the park _____ we used to play. → **where** (the park is a place)

(1) The bustling marketplace, overflowing with exotic spices and vibrant textiles, is the vibrant heart _____ daily commerce thrives.

(A) when (B) where (C) why

(2) We vividly recall the precise moment _____ the unexpected solar eclipse cast an eerie shadow over the entire city.

(A) where (B) why (C) when

(3) Could you please elucidate the fundamental principle _____ water expands as it freezes, causing pipes to burst in winter?

(A) where (B) when (C) why

(4) The ancient map indicated a hidden labyrinth _____ legendary treasures were supposedly guarded by mythical beasts.

(A) why (B) when (C) where

(5) It was during the late autumn season _____ migratory birds begin their arduous journey south, seeking warmer climates.

(A) where (B) why (C) when



(6) The old abandoned factory, with its crumbling walls, was the eerie location _____ the local ghost stories originated.

(A) why (B) when (C) where

(7) Historians often debate the exact era _____ monumental architectural wonders like the pyramids were constructed with primitive tools.

(A) where (B) when (C) why

(8) The scientist explained the intricate process _____ certain rare chemical reactions occur only under extreme pressure.

(A) where (B) why (C) when

