

# Restrictive or Non-Restrictive?

A **non-restrictive clause** is a relative clause that is not essential to the meaning of a sentence, but merely adds more information to the sentence.

**EXAMPLE:** That man, who skis, brought a gift.

A clause that begins with the relative pronoun *that* is always restrictive. A **restrictive clause** is essential to the meaning of the sentence since the sentence would not mean the same thing without it.

**EXAMPLE:** The man that just walked in brought a gift.

**DIRECTIONS:** Find the relative clause in each sentence. Write R if the clause is restrictive; write N if the clause is non-restrictive.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The cat that has a white spot belongs to me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The girl that just sat down is my sister.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The route that we took was the quickest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The chair that I sat in was very comfortable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. This cookie, which is shaped like a square, is tasty.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Every kid who lives in this town goes to this school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The boy who called my name is my brother.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Did you watch the movie that I recommended?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. This kitchen, which was built in 1950, could use some work.

