

Restrictive & Non-Restrictive Clauses

A non-restrictive clause is a relative clause that adds more information to a sentence without being essential to its meaning. A non-restrictive clause never begins with the relative pronoun **that**.



EXAMPLE: The boy, who likes peanuts, is my brother.

A restrictive clause is essential to the meaning of the sentence, because the sentence would not say the same thing without it.

EXAMPLE: The boy that raised his hand is my brother.

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 sandwich that I ate was ham and cheese.

_____ 2. My friends, who live nearby, are all a lot of fun.

_____ 3. My dog, who is a mixed breed, is my best friend.

_____ 4. The house that I am buying is a rancher.

_____ 5. These pickles, which I got at the store, are tasty.

_____ 6. Nobody that I know eats at this restaurant.

_____ 7. The computer that I chose is very powerful.