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A **restrictive clause** containing an adjective phrase identifies the noun it modifies.

EXAMPLE: The room where I sleep is very small.

A **non-restrictive clause** headed by a relative adverb just gives additional information that does not directly modify a noun.

EXAMPLE: Let's sit on this bench, where we can slip out early.

Non-restrictive clauses are set off by a comma. Restrictive adjective clauses do not require a comma.

DIRECTIONS: Does the sentence need a comma? YES or NO.

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| 1. | The day when I was born was special. | YES | NO |
| 2. | I put the book on the table where there is a pile of things. | YES | NO |
| 3. | We avoided the puddles where water was up to our ankles. | YES | NO |
| 4. | Last week when I was sick I hardly did anything. | YES | NO |
| 5. | Russia is the country where I grew up. | YES | NO |