Restricted Area 1



There are two types of relative clauses: **restrictive relative clauses** and **non-restrictive relative clauses.** The difference is as follows:

Restrictive relative clause: It cannot be left out of the sentence without affecting the meaning. In the sentence below, if you take out the relative clause, it changes the meaning of the sentence:

> It reminded him of the house **that he used to live in.**

Non-restrictive relative clause: This can be left out of the sentence without changing the meaning. If you removed the relative clause form the sentence below, the sentence would still make perfect sense.

> The boy, **who liked sports**, was playing football.

Look at the pairs of sentences below. State which sentence is **restrictive** and which is **non-restrictive.**

Hint: Non-restrictive relative clauses are separated from the main clause with a comma or commas. Restrictive clauses often begin with the relative pronoun 'that'.

1. I have three younger brothers that all like to play on the computer. _____

My brothers, who are all younger than me, like to play on the computer. _____

2. My sister, who is older than me, likes chocolate. _____

I have a sister that likes chocolate. _____

3. My friend, who is called Adam, moved to America last week. _____

I have a friend called Adam that moved to America last week. _____

4. Walt Disney is a famous man that created many animated films. _____

Walt Disney, who created many animated films, is a famous man. _____

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