

Restrictive & Nonrestrictive Quiz Key

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Restrictive (or Essential) Clauses: Provide information that is necessary to the sense of the sentence. No Commas Needed.

Example: The ship that is docked at Pier 19 leaves at noon.

Nonrestrictive (or Nonessential) Clauses: Provide information that is not necessary to the sense of the sentence. Commas Needed.

Example: The Queen Elizabeth, which is docked at Pier 19, leaves at noon.

In the following sentences, place commas only when needed:

1. The scientist who is fascinated by aeronautics is going to design a new type of spacecraft.
2. A bucolic way of life is, on the other hand, more restful and less exciting.
3. The students who can pass this test must be very intelligent.
4. The Statue of Liberty, which is situated on Liberty Island, was a gift from the French people.
5. George Washington, our first president, wore wooden teeth.
6. John F. Kennedy, who was an ethical man, will always be remembered for his strong position on civil rights.
7. Hal's new job, which required him to do routine tasks, was not any better than his old job.
8. Uncle Harry, standing by the window, likes to invent unusual things.
9. Dr. Martin Luther King, who won the Nobel Peace Prize, asked for complete integration as an end to racial violence and as a beginning of better job opportunities for his people.