Restrictive and Non-Restrictive

Relative clauses

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Study the following examples and do the exericses below:

A - B - C

- 1. All the students who have got bad marks won't succeed.
- 2. The man who founded Fes was Moulay Idriss 1st .
- 3. My grandfather, who is 75 years old, still goes jogging.
- 4. My car, which is 25 years old, often breaks down.

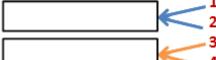
A - Identify the relative and main clauses of each sentence using the table :

| Sentence | Relative clause | Main clause |
|----------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | | |

B – Which Main Clauses have clear meaning without the relative clauses:

- All the students won't succeed
- 2. The man was Moulay Idriss 1st
- 3. My grandfather still goes jogging _
- 4. My car often breaks down.
- Unclear / Clear Meaning
- Unclear / Clean Meaning
 - Unclear / Clean Meaning
 - Unclear / Clean Meaning

C – So, What are the relative clauses which give necessary information to make the senetence clear to undertand



- who have got bad marks
- 2. who founded Fes
- 3. who is 75 years old
- 4. which is 25 years old

Gives necessary /extra information Gives necessary /extra information Gives necessary /extra information Gives necessary /extra information

All the students who have got bad marks won't succeed.

Restrictive Relative Clause: It's necessary in the sentence.
Without it, the meaning is not clear.

The man who founded Fes was Moulay Idriss 1st.

Restrictive Relative Clause

My grandfather who is 75 years old still goes jogging.

Non Restrictive Relative Clause: It's not necessary in the sentence. It just gives extra information.

My car
 which is 25 years old often breaks down.

Non Restrictive Relative Clause

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Exercise: Decide whether the following relative clauses are restrictive or non-restrictive

1-I have three brothers.

- a. My brother who lives in Sidney came to see me last month.
- b. My brother, who lives in Sidney, came to see me last month.

2- I have one sister.

- a. My sister who is 25 years old spent her holiday in France.
- b. My sister, who is 25 years old, spent her holiday in France.

4- We are on holiday. We have visited a monument.

- a. The monument which we visited is very old.
- b. The monument, which we visited, is very old.

5- - We are on holiday. We have visited a monument.

- a. Hassan Toweer monument which we visited is very old.
- b. Hassan Toweer monument, which we visited, is very old.

