

# Restrictive and Non-Restrictive Relative clauses

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Study the following examples and do the exercises 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 1<sup>st</sup> .
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:

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

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

	← 1. <b>who</b> have got bad marks	Gives <b>necessary</b> /extra information Gives <b>necessary</b> /extra information Gives <b>necessary</b> /extra information Gives <b>necessary</b> /extra information
	← 2. <b>who</b> founded Fes	
	← 3. <b>who</b> is 75 years old	
	← 4. <b>which</b> is 25 years old	

1. 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.

2. The man **who** founded Fes was Moulay Idriss 1<sup>st</sup> .

**Restrictive Relative Clause**

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

### 2- I have one sister.

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

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

- The monument **which we visited** is very old.
- The monument, **which we visited**, is very old.

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

- Hassan Tower monument **which we visited** is very old.
- Hassan Tower monument, **which we visited**, is very old.

