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Restrictive and Nonrestrictive Elements Worksheet

**Non-restrictive elements**

***Non-restrictive elements***: -extra information in the sentence.

-Not essential

-Not necessary

-Gets separated with commas

Example: *Batman, the “Dark Knight” of Gotham, is the coolest of all the superheroes.*

You can remove the non-restrictive element and still have a complete sentence:*.*

***Restrictive elements: -***necessary information

-essential

**-DOES NOT** get separated with commas

Example: *The man* ***in the yellow hat*** *is George’s owner.*

Example: *The house* ***next to the graveyard*** *is haunted.*

**RULE: The rule here is that if you can take out the “extra” information and still accurately and completely understand the sentence, then the extra information is non-restrictive and gets separated with a comma.**

**Non-restrictive/Restrictive Elements: Place commas if needed to indicate where the nonrestrictive elements are contained within each sentence.**

1. Batman’s former sidekick Robin becomes Nightwing.
2. Friday the last day of the week is my favorite day.
3. The car that has purple stripes on it is mine.
4. Disney villains like Jafar and Scar frighten me.
5. The president of the United States Barack Obama took office on January 20,2009.
6. The man who is wearing a Speedo is my father.
7. The United Kingdom’s flag also known as the “Union Jack” has the same colors as ours.
8. The dog that jumped over the fence belongs to my neighbor.
9. I think the Flash the fastest man in the world could beat Superman in a race.
10. Two sisters who were carrying umbrellas got blown away in a tornado.
11. The man who owns the bank is a grandson of the one who founded it.
12. James Lee who owns the bank and five others is one of the wealthiest men in the state.
13. The coach called out to Higgins who got up from the bench and trotted over to him.
14. Anyone who saw him could tell that something was troubling him.
15. All banks which typically do not conduct business of holidays will be closed on Thanksgiving.
16. Henry betrayed the man who had helped him build his fortune.
17. William White who had helped Henry build his fortune died yesterday.
18. My father hoping that I would remain at home offered me a share in his business.