

Comma Usage

Compound and Complex Sentences

3. Nonrestrictive Clauses	
<p>What is a non-restrictive clause?</p>	<p>A nonrestrictive clause is a relative clause which contains information that is not essential to understand the main idea of a sentence.</p> <p><u>For example:</u></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Non-restrictive relative clause</p> <p>The course was taught by an experienced <u>teacher</u>, who gave me a good grade.</p> <p>This clause provides <i>extra</i> information about the noun. We can understand the point of the sentence and the role of the noun even without this clause.</p>
<p>Distinguish a non-restrictive relative clause from the main clause using commas at the <u>beginning and end</u> of the clause.</p>	<p><u>Examples:</u></p> <p>The TLC, which is on the 4th floor, provides tutoring in English, and math.</p> <p>Sasha, who is the full-time Math Advisor, works at all three campuses.</p> <p>I will make an appointment with Lee, whom I know quite well already.</p>

Practice! Keeping in mind the rules above, decide whether or not the commas are correct in the following sentences. Add or remove commas as needed:

1. Meighan who is the Casa Loma TLC Advisor, also teaches IELTS.
2. The TLC tutors can help you with English, and math and they can also help you with speaking which can be difficult for some.
3. Tutoring, which is free, can help you do better in your studies.
4. Virginia, who is the Waterfront TLC Advisor runs English workshops for nursing students.
5. Once I learned some comma rules it became easier to use them.
6. I used commas more often, after I learned how to do so.
7. While reading *Eat, Shoots and Leaves* I gained a better understanding of punctuation.

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Answers:

1. Meighan, who is the Casa Loma TLC Advisor, also teaches IELTS.
2. The TLC tutors can help you with English, and math, and they can also help you with speaking.
3. Tutoring, which is free, can help you do better in your studies. (good)
4. Virginia, who is the Waterfront TLC Advisor, runs English workshops for nursing students.
5. Once I learned some comma rules, it became easier to use them.
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