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| Relative Clauses: Restrictive | | |
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| **FORM:** | head noun + restrictive relative clause |  |
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| **USE:** | A **restrictive relative clause** is necessary to identify the noun it describes. It indicates exactly which noun is being referred to. Commas are **not** used to separate a **restrictive relative clause** from the rest of the sentence. Relative clauses usually begin with subject pronouns [*who, which, that*], object pronouns [*who(m), which, that*] or the possessive *whose.* | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *We thanked the nurse who helped us.* (there were other nurses but we thanked only one of them)  *The book that was on the floor was Toby’s.* (there were other books, but only one on the floor)  *The teacher who is in room 14 is very helpful.* (not all teachers are helpful- but the onein room 14 is*)*  *My sister who lives in Toronto is single.* (I have more than one sister, and the one in Toronto is not married) | |

*Combine each pair of sentences, changing the second one into a RESTRICTIVE RELATIVE CLAUSE.*

Example: I thanked the friend. I borrowed his car. I thanked the friend whose car I borrowed.

1. The movie was scary. I watched it.

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2. The gift was beautiful. You gave it to me.

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3. The woman called the fire department. Her kitchen was on fire.

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4. The table was expensive. I bought the table.

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5. She trusted the mechanic. The mechanic fixed her car.

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