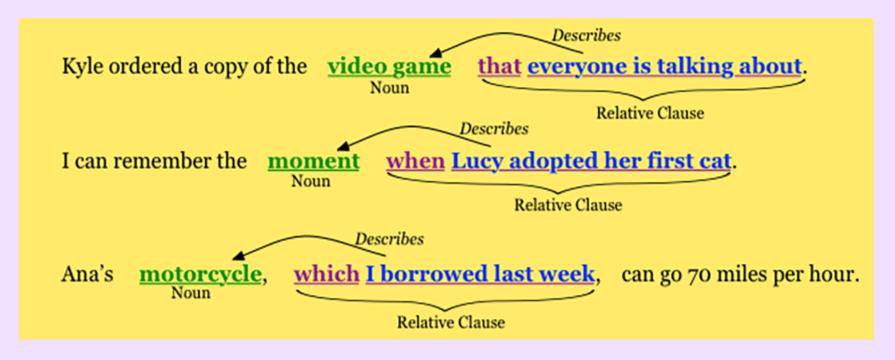
Identifying Relative Clauses

Relative clauses are a type of adjective clause. They describe nouns and answer questions like "Which one?" or "How many?".

Relative clauses always begin with a relative pronoun or relative adverb.



Common Relative Adverbs and Pronouns			
where	when	why	that
who	whom	which	whose

Sentence Fragments

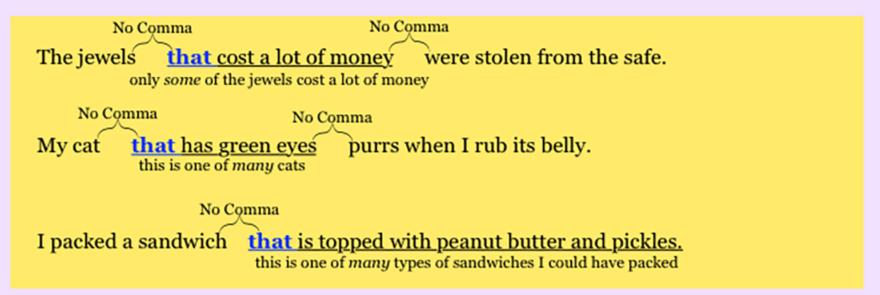
Rule: All sentences need to contain a complete thought.

Sentence Fragment Error: Dave brushes his teeth in the shower Which many people think is strange. Independent Clause period Sentence Fragment (This needs to be connected to an independent clause with a comma) Solution: Dave brushes his teeth in the shower which many people think is strange. Independent Clause comma Dependent Clause, (linking this to an independent clause with a comma makes this correct)

Using Commas with Restrictive Clauses: that

If a clause starts with *that*, **do not** put commas around it.

That introduces clauses and lets us know that *part*, but not all, is being described.



When commas **do not** surround a clause, that clause is called "restrictive." This means that that clause *limits* or *restricts* the noun(s) it describes, telling us "which one(s)."

When a clause starts with *which*, surround the clause with commas. These clauses are called "non-restrictive."

The jewels , which cost a lot of money , were stolen from the safe.

What words make up the relative clause?

I always bump into the lava lamp that Dustin Henderson bought at a garage sale.

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I read a book that described Miguel Rivera's accomplishments while listening to my new opera GD.

T read a book that described Miguel Rivera's accomplishments while listening to my new opera CD.

Mrs. Prince thinks that the pond where we caught geckos may be haunted.

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Fix any punctuation in the sentences below

I built a campfire last night. Which inspired John Oliver to tell ghost stories.

I built a campfire last night, which inspired John Oliver to tell ghost stories.

Katniss Everdeen loves to eat ice cream. Especially chocolate, strawberry, and mocha chip.

Katniss Everdeen loves to eat ice cream, especially chocolate, strawberry, and mocha chip.

At grocery store, Mrs. Prince only picked the carrots, that still had a little dirt on them.

At grocery store, Mrs. Prince only picked the carrots that still had a little dirt on them.