



Restrictive vs. Nonrestrictive Information

1. Justice Marshall's house, which has a red door and green shutters, needs a new roof.
2. Justice Marshall's house that has a red door and green shutters needs a new roof.
3. Ms. Johnson inherited her grandfather's hand-carved fountain pen, which is made of wood.
4. Ms. Johnson inherited her grandfather's hand-carved fountain pen that is made of solid wood.
5. The defendant's daughter, who sat in the courtroom throughout the trial, maintains that her father was at home when the robbery occurred.
6. The defendant's daughter who testified yesterday maintains that her father was at home when the robbery occurred.
7. Ellen's husband Tom retired two years after she did.
8. The Tutens' daughter Emily completed her law degree at the University of Michigan and began working for a firm in Manhattan in October.
9. Toni Morrison's novel, *Beloved*, powerfully depicts the horrors of slavery.
10. Toni Morrison's 1988 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Beloved*, powerfully depicts the horrors of slavery.

Who vs. Whom

11. We will give the money to the person who needs it most.
12. We have filed a complaint against the contractor who we hired last month.
13. No one knows who you are.

14. Who are you calling?
15. Who is at the door?
16. We will be kind to whomever knocks on our door for help.
17. Whomever we elect for president will be in office for four years.

Nominative Relative Pronouns: *Who, Which, That*

18. Which of the following sentences (is/are) correct?
19. Which of the judges (is/are) going to draft the opinion?
20. Every employee of the court who (is/are) planning to take a vacation this summer must submit a request in writing by May 10.
21. This objective correlates with the central performance goals in our corporate renewal plan, which (is/are) targeted toward the realignment of our marketing strategies in Europe and Asia.

Vague Pronoun References

22. Three recent experiments on the effects of sleep deprivation reveal a clear connection between sleep quality and cognitive functions, which led researchers to promote better sleep health.
23. Three recent experiments on the effects of sleep deprivation reveal a clear connection between sleep quality and cognitive functions, which decline in direct proportion to sleep deficit.
24. Three recent experiments on the effects of sleep deprivation reveal a clear connection between sleep quality and cognitive functions, leading researchers to promote better sleep health.
25. Three recent experiments on the effects of sleep deprivation reveal a clear connection between sleep quality and cognitive functions, a result that led researchers to promote better sleep health.

26. Three recent experiments on the effects of sleep deprivation reveal a clear connection between sleep quality and cognitive functions and have led researchers to promote better sleep health.
27. Three recent experiments on the effects of sleep deprivation reveal a clear connection between sleep quality and cognitive functions, so researchers have begun promoting better sleep health.

The Possessive Case before a Gerund

28. Whitaker did not like the woman standing in front of him at the parade.
29. Whitaker did not like the woman's standing in front of him at the parade.
30. I appreciate you taking the time to draft this opinion.
31. The revised plan would result in the family paying for services that previously would have been covered by the public insurance program.
32. All child safety seats must be properly installed to reduce the risk of a child being injured.
33. For years after Tracy Kunding was murdered, her three sisters lived in fear of the killer [*the killer's?*] coming for them next.
34. Harris also found there was no previous record of **Pereira** [*Pereira's?*] hearing voices other than a brief mention from 2004.
35. The judge rejected an application by the Crown to use Pereira's past criminal record as similar-fact evidence of violence toward women stemming from anger and jealousy. Only the first incident involved **Pereira** [*Pereira's?*] being "spurned as a lover," Harris found.
36. He neglected to follow his vehicle's suggested maintenance schedule, which resulted in **the car** [*the car's?*] breaking down frequently.

Placement of Only (and Other Adverbs)

37. The budget can only be balanced if programs are cut for next year.
38. Many animals hibernate in the winter, only waking occasionally for nourishment.
39. The team only scored two runs in the first seven innings.
40. The corporation will only make \$3 million this year.
41. The tornado only damaged three empty buildings.
42. The meeting will only be held in San Francisco if the committee can find a hotel there with affordable rates.
43. Only pay for the insurance you need.

Word Confusion

44. Kenyatta, who is two-months pregnant, will miss the lecture this morning because she is nauseous.
45. The smell of oatmeal makes me nauseated.
46. Because his manners are very poor, Bernard often tells nauseous jokes at the dinner table.
47. Every afternoon we (lie/ lay) down and rest for an hour.
48. Luke (lay/laid) on the beach and soaked up the sunshine.
49. I distinctly remember (laying/lying) my keys on the kitchen counter.
50. The reports were (laying/lying) on my desk this morning.
51. Yesterday Juan (laid/laid) on his sofa watching television for three hours.

Subjunctive Mood

52. If I (was/were) you, I would increase my weekly contribution to the company's retirement fund.
53. I wish that his report (was/were) more succinct.
54. We recommend that the trip (is/be) postponed until next year.
55. The finance department requests that Marcus (submits/submit) updated budget projections each month.
56. If Smith (were/is) chosen as the corporation's next CEO, she will likely change several controversial hiring practices.

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