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Restrictive and Nonrestrictive Elements

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100,000-candlepower spotlight

Non-Restrictive Example: The helicopter, *with its 100,000-candlepower spotlight illuminating the area*, circled above.

Appositives are nouns or pronouns that rename a nearby noun.

Restrictive Example: Rick James' song "Fire It Up" was blasted out of amplifiers ten feet tall.

Non-Restrictive Example: Darwin's most important book, *On the Origin of Species*, was the result of many years of research.