

Defining and non-defining noun phrases

Defining noun phrases

**give essential information
about a noun/noun phrase.**

Example:
Millions of tourists visit
the Indian palace **Taj**
****Mahal** every year.**



**Never remove a
defining noun phrase
from a sentence.**

Example:

**Millions of tourists visit
the Indian palace ~~Taj~~
~~Mahal~~ every year.**

**(which Indian
palace?)**



Non-defining noun phrases

**give additional information
about a noun/noun phrase.**

Example:

**Croissant, a famous
French pastry, is my
favourite food.**



**We can remove a
non-defining noun
phrase from a sentence.**

Example:

**Croissant, ~~a famous
French pastry,~~ is my
favourite food.**



Put a **comma** before
and after **non-defining**
noun phrases

... unless it is at the
end of a sentence.



Example:

The Eiffel Tower, an iron tower in Paris, is a popular tourist destination in France.



Example:

A popular tourist destination in France is the Eiffel Tower, an iron tower in Paris.

Review:

What are the differences between defining and non-defining noun phrases?



Defining noun phrases

- **give essential information**
- **no commas**

Non-defining noun phrases

- **give additional information**
- **commas**

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