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Relative pronouns *relate* the clause to the **noun**.

Batman, whose name is Bruce Wayne, wears a special suit.

Batman wears a special **suit** which protects him from enemies.

He lives in **Gotham City** where he fights crime and criminals.

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Try adding a **relative clause** to this sentence.
Add information about either **noun**.
Start it with a **relative pronoun**.

IDEAS

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bracelets.

Wonder Woman wears a pair of metal **bracelets**.

Wonder Woman, who , wears a pair of metal bracelets.

Wonder Woman wears a pair of metal **bracelets** that .

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Wonder Woman wears a pair of metal **bracelets** that provide her with protection.

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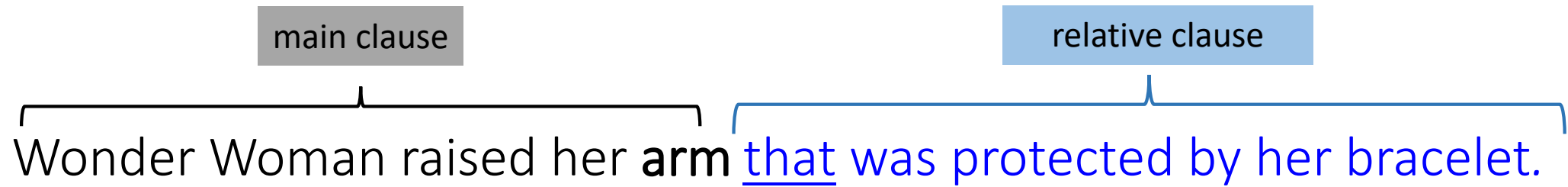
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Punctuating **Relative Clauses**



When the **relative clause** comes after the **main clause**, we do not usually separate the clauses with a comma.



A **comma** would create an *unnecessary break* in the sentence.



Punctuating **Embedded Relative Clauses**

Sometimes the **relative clause** is *embedded* in the **main clause**.

main clause
Superman shouted at Batman.



Tell me more about **Superman**.

The **relative clause** needs to be next to the **noun: Superman**.

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Tell me more about **Superman**.

The **main clause** splits to make space...

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Superman, **who was growing angry**, shouted at Batman.

main clause



The **main clause** splits to make space...
for the **relative clause**.

Punctuating **Embedded Relative Clauses**

Sometimes the **relative clause** is *embedded* in the **main clause**.

Commas separate the clauses because the **relative clause** breaks up the **main clause**.

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