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Decide whether it is nonrestrictive or restrictive, then add any missing comma(s).

1. My oldest brother Miguel wants to be a musician.
2. Mylah one of my closest friends is teaching me violin.
3. Let's do a cover of the song "What a Wonderful World."



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8. Pop a term for multiple popular styles plays on many radio channels.
9. Ms. Wilson has two favorite music styles classical and jazz.
10. Harpsichords piano-like instruments only play at one volume.
11. I'm using a quote from the soul singer Aretha Franklin in my essay.
12. Dad owns a theremin a futuristic instrument played without touch.
13. The historic venue Royal Albert Hall is in London.
14. Have you ever heard of the musician Jimi Hendrix?
15. Conductors use batons little sticks to help direct musicians.

ANSWER KEY

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1. My eldest brother, Miguel, wants to be a musician.

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