



TRANSLATION OF ATTRIBUTIVE CLAUSE

In English, attributive clause can be divided into restrictive and non-restrictive, following antecedent. These two kinds of attributive clause are different in form: there are no comma between restrictive attributive clause and antecedent; while non-restrictive attributive clause is separate with antecedent with a comma.

Another difference is: restrictive attributive clause is close related with antecedent, while non-restrictive attributive clause is not that close with antecedent in meaning.

As a result, restrictive attributive clause is always translated into pre-modifier in Chinese; non-restrictive attributive clause is often translated into postposition coordinate clause, to describe or illustrate the antecedent.





Examples of restrictive attributive clause:

It is estimated that over 3,000 companies (including non-technology companies) *which have completed initial public offerings of stock in the United States over the past two decades* have received venture capital at some point in their development.

据估计，20 年来，有超过 3,000 家公司（包括非科技公司）在美国过去二十年中完成了首次公开发行股票，并在其发展过程中某时收到了风险投资。

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