

OMEJITEV: limitation vs. restriction vs. constraint vs. restraint

<https://ell.stackexchange.com/questions/101556/limitation-restriction-vs-constraint>

... a "limitation" is an inability for *something/someone*. a "restriction" is externally imposed to stop *something*, usually by law. ... Both "limitations" and "restrictions" are "constraints" which can be the more encompassing term to describe *something* that stops a person or process from happening. "Limitations" and "constraints" usually have the feeling of *holding back*, where as "constraints" has the feeling of *holding within*.

<https://english.stackexchange.com/questions/92696/constraint-vs-restriction>

According to the Oxford dictionary: Restriction, constraint, restraint, or limitation?

These are all things that limit what you can do. A *restriction* is a rule or law that is made by someone in authority. A *constraint* is something that exists rather than something that is made, although it may exist as a result of someone's decision. A *restraint* is also something that exists: it can exist outside yourself, as the result of someone else's decision; but it can also exist inside you, as a fear of what other people may think or as your own feeling about what is acceptable: moral/social/cultural restraints. A *limitation* is more general and can be a rule that someone makes or a fact or condition that exists.

<https://hinative.com/en-US/questions/100010>

Restriction and *restraint* mean that it is blocked, sometimes completely blocked. (I restricted the channels on the TV.) *Limitation* means that you allow less of something (I limited sugar in my diet.) *Constraint* means to make something smaller or less (They put time constraints on this task.)

<http://www.differencebetween.com/difference-between-constraint-and-vs-restraint/>

Both restraint and constraint refer to *limitations* placed upon things and people. While outside *restrictions* like laws and customs cause *constraints*, *restraints* are inside restrictions that an individual places upon himself. Shortage of funds and shortage of time are often described as budgetary constraints and time constraints.