

Appositives and Appositive Phrases A

5k. An **appositive** is a noun or a pronoun placed beside another noun or pronoun to identify or describe it.

EXAMPLE The patriot **Andrew Jackson** became president in 1829. [The appositive identifies the noun *patriot*.]

5l. An **appositive phrase** consists of an appositive and its modifiers.

EXAMPLE Jackson wanted a new American Indian policy, **one with a guarantee of separate lands for native peoples**. [The appositive phrase identifies the noun *policy*.]

EXERCISE Underline the appositives and appositive phrases in the following sentences. Then, circle the noun or pronoun that the appositive identifies or describes.

Example 1. James Monroe, an earlier president, had hoped to establish a similar policy.

1. The Battle of Bad Axe River, a struggle between a band of American Indians and the United States government, occurred in 1832.
2. Black Hawk, a member of the Sauk nation, led the American Indian forces.
3. Many Mesquakies, allies of the Sauks, followed Black Hawk into battle.
4. This battle, the last skirmish of Black Hawk's War, resulted in the removal of the Sauks and Mesquakies from their homelands.
5. Other Indian leaders, Chief Joseph, Crazy Horse, and Sitting Bull, fought in battles to protect their homelands and cultures.
6. The Nez Perce leader, Chief Joseph, and his followers fought heroically.
7. Chief Joseph and his forces, a band of fewer than five hundred warriors, defended themselves against a force of five thousand U.S. government troops.
8. After a 1,300-mile trek to Canada, a long and difficult journey, the U.S. troops attacked.
9. After a five-month siege, the Nez Perce were relocated to Indian Territory, a region that is now part of Oklahoma.
10. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull, two leaders of the Sioux, also fought bravely in their battles against U.S. government forces.

Appositives and Appositive Phrases B

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EXAMPLE Yellowstone National Park extends into three states, **Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho**.
[The appositives identify the noun *states*.]

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EXAMPLE The Channel Tunnel, **the underwater tunnel connecting England and France**, was completed in 1994. [The appositive phrase identifies the noun *Channel Tunnel*.]

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Example 1. Shelby, the winner of the spelling bee, was mentioned in the newspaper.

- The pillow was made of an extremely soft material, goose feathers.
- Gena's favorite comic strip, *Peanuts*, is a constant source of amusement to her.
- We listened to beautiful piano sonatas by Beethoven, the famous composer.
- Kevin gave his sister, Valerie, his old catcher's mitt as a gift.
- The skateboarder, an expert at negotiating the half pipe, dazzled the crowd.
- A single clue, a torn-up slipper, alerted Kim to the fact that her dog had been in the closet.
- The impressive flag, a symbol of national pride, fluttered softly in the wind.
- Berkeley has watched the movie *Babe* twelve times.
- For the afternoon hike, Gino packed an orange, one of his favorite fruits.
- Ricky chose to study the artist Picasso for his art project.
- Uncle Mike, my father's younger brother, is an art director in Hollywood.
- In New York we saw the musical *Cats*.
- My grandmother went to high school with the famous film director Stanley Kubrick.
- West Side Story*, a retelling of *Romeo and Juliet*, was first a Broadway play.
- My favorite book is *Lord of the Rings*, an epic fantasy in three volumes.
- Ms. Hong, my math teacher, is retiring this year.
- A Prairie Home Companion*, Helen's favorite radio show, plays every Saturday night.
- Jason, the last person you would expect, volunteered to cook.
- Lara's hometown, Big Rapids, is in Michigan.
- Roger has lived in three countries, England, Switzerland, and the United States.