

Lesson 126

Parts of the Sentence - Appositives

An **appositive** is a word or group of words that identifies or renames the **noun** or **pronoun** that it follows. It is set off by commas unless closely tied to the word that it identifies or renames. ("Closely tied" means that it is needed to identify the word.)

Appositives should not be confused with **predicate nominatives**. A verb will separate the subject from the predicate nominative. An **appositive** can follow any noun or pronoun including the **subject**, **direct object**, or **predicate nominative**.

Examples:

My **son Carl** is a medical technician. (no commas)

Badger, our **dog** with a missing leg, has a love for cats. (commas needed)

Instructions: Identify the **appositives** in the following sentences and tell whether they are appositives to **subjects**, **direct objects**, or **predicate nominatives**.

1. The neighbor boys, the twins, were excellent baseball players.
2. The girl in the red dress is Sarah, our best actress.
3. Have you read *Brothers*, a book by Dean Hughes?
4. There goes Grant Long, the electrical contractor.
5. My friend, Matt Matson, collects lost hubcaps.