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Commas set apart an appositive (a word or phrase that renames the noun or pronoun before it) from the rest of the sentence.

My dentist, Dr. Williamson, is always gentle.

Uncle Joe, the race car driver, is going to take us for a ride.

The woman standing up is Maria Garcia, the well-known dog trainer.

The world's two tallest mountains, Mount Everest and K2, are located in Asia.

Comma Usage

Set Apart Appositives

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Set apart the appositives in these sentences by adding commas where needed.

- 1.** My band teacher Ms. Godsey taught me how to play three instruments.
- 2.** The trumpet my favorite instrument is hard to play.
- 3.** Our town's volunteer firefighters Kevin and Rena are husband and wife.
- 4.** Our school Jackson Street Elementary is one of three elementary schools in the city.
- 5.** The woman who gave today's speech was Pandora Seaton a successful business owner.
- 6.** Kent Twitchell a renowned mural painter will give next month's speech.
- 7.** *Where the Sidewalk Ends* the Shel Silverstein book contains some of my favorite poems.
- 8.** Cinco de Mayo an exciting Mexican holiday takes place on the fifth of May.
- 9.** Summer the hottest season of the year is just around the corner.
- 10.** The best restaurant in town is Wu Lee's the Chinese place.

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Locate Appositives

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Circle the appositives in the paragraphs below.

My teacher, Miss Smith, likes to sing. Each morning, we begin our day with a song. One of our favorites is “Good Morning, Mr. Sun,” a cheerful, snappy tune. Taisha, my good friend, has the best voice in our class. On some mornings, instead of the whole class saying the Pledge of Allegiance, Taisha sings “The Star-Spangled Banner,” our national anthem. We also often end the day with a song. Our last song of the day is usually “See You Tomorrow,” a good-bye song.

When a rash appeared on my arms, I went to see Dr. Nelson, my physician. Dr. Nelson said I had contracted itchy armitis, a rare disease. As always, Dr. Nelson was joking with me. My rash was actually an allergic reaction to strawberries, one of my favorite foods. My funny doctor, Dr. Nelson, told me the rash should disappear by the next day, Saturday.

Personal Appositives

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In each sentence below, add an appositive or the noun the appositive names. Use facts from your own life. The first one has been completed as an example.

1. My mom, Doris Cooksey, is a great cook.
2. My teacher, _____, assigns too much homework.
3. I would like to meet _____, the main character in my favorite movie.
4. The song I like to hear on the radio is “_____,” my favorite song.
5. _____, one of my favorite relatives, lives in _____.
6. I love _____, the greatest holiday of the year.
7. One of my friends, _____, is really good at _____.
8. A book I recently read, _____, was written by _____.
9. I often play a game, _____, with my friends at recess.
10. _____, a restaurant I love, serves _____ food.