

Add the Appositive

Sentence Building Activity

Using appositives is a great way to add extra information to a sentence without ruining its structure.

Activity One

When you use an appositive that is essential to understanding the sentence, it is called a **restrictive appositive**. Restrictive appositives **do not need commas**.

Match up the **restrictive appositive** to the sentence.

Tashi	Louise	Our bulldog	James
Star Wars	dance	on channel ten	swimming

- _____ Georgie likes to chew on a bone after breakfast.
- Have you read the book _____?
- I like to listen to _____ music the most.
- Your uncle _____ is picking you up after school.
- My friend _____ owes me ten dollars.
- Have you seen the first _____ movie?
- I have to go to my _____ lesson after school.
- Dad likes to watch the news _____ the most.

Highlight the **noun** or **noun phrase** with blue pencil.



Highlight the **restrictive appositive** with red pencil.



Activity Two

Appositives that simply give bonus information in a sentence is called a **non-restrictive appositive**. The sentence still makes sense even when the appositive is removed. Non-restrictive appositives need a comma depending on where the appositive appears in the sentence.

A non-restrictive appositive at the **beginning** of a sentence needs a comma **after** it.

A non-restrictive appositive **in the middle** of a sentence needs a comma **either side**.

A non-restrictive appositive **at the end** of a sentence needs a comma **before** it.

Match up the **non-restrictive appositives** to the sentences below. Don't forget to add the comma/s in the right place.

both green and red	Molly	With their black and white stripes	Harry
a student at Hogwarts	sunny side up	beautiful country	a broad brimmed one

1. My neighbours cat _____ meows a lot at night.
2. _____ zebras are distinctive animals.
3. I purchased a lovely hat _____.
4. Hermione Granger _____ is the best witch.
5. _____ my brother likes to watch diving on TV.
6. My favourite breakfast is bacon and eggs _____.
7. Apples _____ are my favourite fruit.
8. Last November I visited England _____.

Highlight the **noun** or **noun phrase** with green pencil.



Highlight the **non-restrictive appositive** with orange pencil.



Circle the **commas** in purple pencil.

