

## APPOSITIVES

An appositive is a word or group of words that renames or describes a noun or pronoun. An appositive is placed directly in front of or directly after the word it modifies. Appositives allow writers to eliminate unnecessary words and make their writing more concise. Study the following examples (the appositives are underlined):

Rita is a good friend of mine. She works as a police officer.

A good friend of mine, Rita works as a police officer.

Rita, a good friend of mine, works as a police officer.

Rita, a police officer, is a good friend of mine.

A police officer, Rita is a good friend of mine.

DIRECTIONS: Combine the following sentences by using appositives.

1. Ralph lives in my room. Ralph is my pet tarantula.
2. I could eat chocolate ice cream at every meal. Chocolate ice cream is my favorite food.
3. Alan got lost during the hike. He is a former Eagle Scout.
4. John is a bully, but he is a good football player.
5. My father will be visiting next week. He is a retired baseball player.
6. Johnson is a democrat. Johnson is running for mayor.
7. The teacher was a dedicated jogger, so he ran at least five miles each day.