

What is an appositive?

An appositive is a noun or noun phrase that renames another noun right beside it. The appositive can be a short or long combination of words.

Directions: For each question combine the two sentences by using an appositive phrase.

EXAMPLE: Karen brought me a sweater for my birthday.
She is my good friend.
Karen, my good friend, brought me a sweater for my birthday.

The insect, *a cockroach*, is crawling across the kitchen table.

The insect, *an ugly cockroach*, is crawling across the kitchen table.

The insect, *an ugly cockroach with hairy legs*, is crawling across the kitchen table.

The insect, *an ugly, hairy-legged cockroach that has spied my bowl of Frosted Flakes*, is crawling across the kitchen table.

1. Juan won the citywide spelling bee.
He is an excellent speller.

2. Sam Meeker was a Continental soldier.
He was accused of stealing his family's cattle and executed as an example.

3. Jack read my response to literature and noticed I didn't use quotes.
He is my brother's friend.

4. Mrs. Meeker became depressed as a result of the war's destruction.
Mrs. Meeker was the mother of Tim and Sam.

5. Have you ever been to Redwood National Park?
It is a national park in California.

