

Grammar Worksheet #9:
Appositive Phrases, Gerund Phrases, and Participial Phrases
Mr. Oncay's Language Arts

The Appositive:

Def. A noun or pronoun that renames another word that precedes it, usually intended to give further explanation or definition.

Ex: The president of the council, Mr. Johnson, made a new law.

The Appositive Phrase:

Def. A noun phrase made of an appositive and any modifiers that renames a word that precedes it.

Ex: My friend Joe, a veteran fireman, collects license plates.

Wrong: *My friend Joe, who is a fireman, collects license plates.*

(This is a clause and not a phrase because it has a subject and a verb. Don't be confused.)

Part One: Appositive Practice: Directions -

- Highlight the word that is renamed by the appositive or appositive phrase.
- Underline the entire appositive phrase once.
- Underline the appositive twice.

Ex: When I went to Lawson, a school in Cupertino, I learned about language.

Ex: I called the referee, John, to ask about the score.

1. The monkey, a nimble animal, is often found in the jungle.
2. Dave Lewis, a teacher at Lawson, works with many aspiring musicians.
3. Before you trash BoBo, your last childhood stuffed animal, consider saving it.
4. The coast of Africa, one of the world's largest continents, is a prosperous trading region.
5. Mr. Sonntag hired two new teachers, Mr. Davies and Ms. Parker.
6. The fastest animal, the peregrine falcon, can travel more than 100 miles per hour at certain times.
7. Our family visited The Smithsonian Institution, a vast network of galleries in Washington, D.C.
8. Our neighbor and his daughters, Parvi and Sonya, take walks every evening.
9. The giant plane, a Boeing 747, launched into the air.
10. The flashlight should be returned to Mark, the owner.