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## Snazzy Sentences Appositive Phrases

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.

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

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

The insect, **a large cockroach with hairy legs**, is crawling across the kitchen table.

The insect, **a large, hairy-legged cockroach that has spied my bowl of oatmeal**, is crawling across the kitchen table.



### Punctuate the appositive correctly.

The important point to remember is that a nonessential appositive is *always* separated from the rest of the sentence with comma(s).

**When the appositive *begins* the sentence, it looks like this:**

**A hot-tempered tennis player**, Robbie charged the umpire and tried to crack the poor man's skull with a racket.

**When the appositive *interrupts* the sentence, it looks like this:**

Robbie, **a hot-tempered tennis player**, charged the umpire and tried to crack the poor man's skull with a racket.

**And when the appositive *ends* the sentence, it looks like this:**

Upset by the bad call, the crowd cheered Robbie, **a hot-tempered tennis player who charged the umpire and tried to crack the poor man's skull with a racket**.

**Directions:** Each of the following sentences contains an appositive. **First**, add a comma(s) where needed. **Next**, highlight the appositive.

1. During the dinner conversation, Clifford the messiest eater at the table spewed mashed potatoes like an erupting volcano.
2. My desktop computer a modern-day dinosaur chews floppy disks as noisily as my brother does peanut brittle.
3. Janet's bedroom desk the biggest disaster area in the house is a collection of overdue library books, dirty plates, computer components, old mail, cat hair, and empty potato chip bags.
4. Grover Diane's eleven-year-old beagle chews holes in the living room carpeting as if he were still a puppy.
5. Melanie a greedy young woman with a desire for expensive trinkets was always looking for the guy with the fattest wallet.

6. The best student in Dr. Wright's biology class Larry happily dissects every frog and pig fetus.
7. Lloyd Williams my roommate with the worst table manners was caught putting ketchup on his vanilla ice cream.
8. Lisa blew a kiss at Timmy the shyest boy in class.
9. Santana a beagle who had been cooped up in the house all day wanted to take a long walk around the lake.
10. Jason brought his teacher her favorite dish delicious chocolate-broccoli muffins with green cream cheese frosting.
11. Sara went to Red Lobster with her boyfriend Ernest and her little sister a nose picker.
12. Spike the neighborhood cat whom even the biggest dogs fear surveyed the street that he ruled.

**Directions:** Combine two sentences into one. Make the underlined part of the second sentence an appositive phrase to put at the symbol (^). Add commas where they are needed.

13. A. Jeremy grabbed the leash with both hands to keep Roxy<sup>^</sup>from attacking the mailman.  
B. His overexcited German shepherd.

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14. A. Helen<sup>^</sup>waited for the boys to come flirt with her.  
B. The most beautiful girl at the party.

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15. A. <sup>^</sup>Jamie frowned angrily as her blind date nosily opened a bag of chips.  
B. A girl who hated loud interruptions during movies.

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16. Write your own sentence with an appositive phrase at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end.

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