

One of the nouns (*teacher*) also appears in the first sentence. The second noun (*educator*) and its modifiers can be added to the first sentence as an appositive. Everything after the verb *is* in the second sentence is used as the appositive.

My English teacher is an experienced and patient educator.

The appositive is inserted into the first sentence right after *teacher* and enclosed in commas.

My English teacher, an experienced and patient educator, helped me learn to write well.

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Try this sample exercise.

SAMPLE EXERCISE

Instructions: Add the information from the second sentence to the first sentence as an appositive.

- Hints:**
1. Use everything after *is* in the second sentence as the appositive.
 2. The noun that the appositive refers to is at the end of the first sentence (*Mr. Romero*).

My father is talking to Mr. Romero.
Mr. Romero is my high school principal.

Answer: _____

Answer Explanation: The second sentence presents a noun phrase that refers to Mr. Romero. The noun phrase is everything after the verb *is*.

Mr. Romero is my high school principal.

This noun phrase can be placed in the first sentence right after *Mr. Romero*. Since the appositive occurs at the end of the sentence, only one comma is needed.

My father is talking to Mr. Romero, my high school principal.

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EXERCISES

Instructions: In each exercise, add the information from the second sentence to the first sentence as an appositive.

1. Mr. Perkins was a pilot in the Air Force.
Mr. Perkins is my math teacher.

2. Paul's most treasured possession seldom starts on cold mornings.
The possession is a customized hot rod.

3. Ms. Carolyn Simmons will try to help settle the dispute between the union and the company.
Ms. Carolyn Simmons is an independent labor mediator.

4. My word processor is now ten years old and constantly in need of repair; but I refuse to buy a computer because every computer I've met has an uncooperative personality.
The word processor is a machine I depend on for my living.

5. America is where I was born, where I choose to live, and where I will die.
America is this wonderful enigma of opportunity and poverty, tolerance and bigotry.

6. **Note:** You will add two appositives in this exercise.
The warm-up act put everyone in a good mood for the star.
The warm-up act was a hilarious Elvis impersonator.
The star was Linda Ronstadt.

7. The first paragraph of the introduction at the beginning of this unit consists of three sentences. One contains an appositive. Find that sentence, copy it here, and underline the appositive.

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