

WORKSHEET 5

Identifying and Using Appositives and Appositive Phrases (Rules 6 a, g)

**EXERCISE A** Underline the appositive or appositive phrase in each sentence below. Underline twice the word or words to which it refers.

EXAMPLE 1. Jin and his sister Akako are visiting relatives in Japan.

1. Machu Picchu, the ancient Inca city, is high in the Andes Mountains.
2. George Washington Carver, a plant scientist, discovered many uses for peanuts.
3. My favorite form of peanuts, peanut butter, is always on hand.
4. Yangon, the capital of Myanmar, is a very large city.
5. Halibut, flat-bodied fish, live in the northern Pacific and Atlantic oceans.
6. Formerly a private estate, the park is now open to the public.
7. Formidable predators, owls help keep a balance in nature.
8. Pacifists, people who oppose war, support diplomacy as a way of ending disputes.
9. Receiving scholarships to MIT are Bonita and Keung, the top science students.
10. Eggplant, a favorite Middle Eastern food, is delicious in salads and vegetable stews.

**EXERCISE B** On the lines provided, combine each of the following pairs of sentences by forming an appositive or appositive phrase from one of the sentences.

EXAMPLE 1. Mike is an art director for television sitcoms. Mike is my brother.

My brother Mike is an art director for television sitcoms.

or

Mike, an art director for television sitcoms, is my brother.

1. Mr. Alp enjoys eating tuna fish. Mr. Alp is our sixteen-year-old cat. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Detroit, Michigan, is the headquarters of several major automobile companies. It was also the original home of Motown Records. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. *The Big Sleep* is playing on television this weekend. It is one of my favorite movies. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Easter Island is the home of the striking statues known as *moai*. Easter Island is a small, remote island in the Pacific Ocean. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. George Frideric Handel is the composer of the *Messiah*. The *Messiah* is an oratorio. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. English is the class I will miss the most. English is taught by my favorite teacher. \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Emily Dickinson is a well-known American poet. She is the author of "Tell all the Truth but tell it slant." \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Ennio Morricone has written the music for many films. He is an Italian composer. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. The new playground is a popular place for neighborhood children. The playground is the one with the wooden playscape. \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Tom is a civil engineer for the highway department. He is interested in railroads. \_\_\_\_\_  
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