

## COMMAS WITH APPOSITIVES

- Use commas to set off **appositives** (synonyms) that are non-restrictive.
- Commas are NOT needed if the appositive is a name and is restrictive (required for meaning).

**Practice:** Add a comma where needed in each sentence and circle any commas you add. If a sentence does not need any commas, write "correct" next to the sentence.

**Example:** The Cherokee [ ] a Native American tribe [ ] is known for their hand-woven baskets.

1. The Cherokee Indian Emma Taylor is famous for her basket-making skill.
2. She lives in the Blue Ridge Mountains the original home of the Cherokees.
3. She learned her craft by watching her mother an expert weaver.
4. Emma made baskets to support her children five girls and three boys.
5. Baskets in those days brought a quarter to a dollar-and-a-half a low price.
6. Higher prices \$40 to \$100 have been the rule lately.
7. Lower prices \$40 to \$50 will buy a white-oak basket nowadays.
8. A double-weave river cane basket will bring \$100 the top price.
9. Honeysuckle one of Emma's favorite materials is a flexible vine.
10. Emma only uses two tools to create her baskets a jackknife and a double-bitted axe.
11. Her favorite material the honeysuckle vine requires only the jackknife to cut.
12. For making oak splints, she uses the axe her second tool.
13. For dyes she uses two different woods walnut and bloodroot.
14. For eight baskets she needs only a week a short time for preparing splints and one week for weaving.
15. This devoted Cherokee woman a master of her craft is carrying on an ancient Cherokee tradition.
16. The baskets the pride of her tribe are strong and sturdy, making them useful for daily chores.

**Application:** Combine each pair of sentences into one sentence with an appositive. Use the underlined words to form the appositive. Add commas where needed and circle any commas you add.

**Example:** The Statue of Liberty is in the New York Harbor. It is the largest statue in America.

**Answer:** The Statue of Liberty [ ] the largest statue in America [ ] is in the New York Harbor.

1. Mount McKinley is in Alaska. It is our highest mountain.
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2. Alaska entered the union in 1959. It is our largest state.
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