

Combining Sentences Using Appositives

Name: _____ Key _____

An appositive is a word or phrase that identifies a noun or gives additional information about a noun. Usually the word or phrase is either a noun or a noun phrase, but not always. The appositive is usually next to the noun it is identifying or clarifying. It is usually, but not always, right before or after the noun.

Using an appositive phrase is good way to include details without having too many short, choppy sentences. An appositive also adds interest to a sentence.



Example	With an appositive
Without an appositive: The monument is made of stone. The monument is made of granite.	With an appositive: Mt. Rushmore, a large stone monument in South Dakota, has the faces of four presidents carved into it.
The monument is made of stone. It has four presidents carved into it.	The second example combines sentences using an appositive phrase: a large stone monument in South Dakota to provide a smoother reading experience for the reader.

Combine the sentences below into one sentence that uses as least one appositive.

1. The car was made in 2009. It is a Toyota. It is red. It belongs to Joe.

2. The book was short. It had only 65 pages. Peter finished it quickly.

3. The girl is little. She is cute. She is also very smart. Her name is Mary.

4. Vincent van Gogh was a famous artist. He painted "The Starry Night." He painted it in 1889.

5. We watched a movie. The title was "Peter Pan." It is my favorite movie.

6. He is my favorite uncle. His name is Bob. He is winning the game.

7. She is Mark's youngest sister. Her name is Jenny. She got a new kitten.

8. The dog belongs to the neighbors. He often barks at squirrels. He is a collie.

9. The museum is in Paris. It is called the Louvre. It has many famous paintings.

10. He is Pam's husband. He is strong. His name is Allen.