

Appositives and Appositive Phrases

16k. An **appositive** is a noun or a pronoun placed beside another noun or pronoun to identify or describe it.

16l. An **appositive phrase** consists of an appositive and any modifiers the appositive has.

APPOSITIVE After you left, your friend **Ramala** called.

APPOSITIVE PHRASE Jesse Sheng, **the vice-president of the bank**, sent me a card.

EXERCISE A Underline the appositive phrase in each of the following sentences.

Example 1. No one else, at least not a person in this class, wrote a paper on NASA.

- I took my stereo to Otto Shultz, a local technician.
- Sheriff Yvonne Hamilton, the first woman to hold that position, was cited for bravery.
- Even Veronica, the best student in our class, barely passed this trigonometry test.
- One of the most exciting cities in the world, Rio de Janeiro is filled with tourists.
- Mr. Gonzales, the school newspaper's advisor, taught us how to lay out the front page.
- An innovator in the shoemaking industry, Jan Matzeliger has been pictured on a stamp.
- Bobby, their two-year-old toddler, did less damage than we expected to his birthday present.
- My father transformed our backyard, a tangle of weeds, grass, and brambles, into a deck area.
- That clock, a family heirloom, was my great-grandmother's wedding present to me.
- Last Saturday we invited the Apontes, our new neighbors, to have dinner with us.

EXERCISE B Underline the appositives and appositive phrases in the following paragraph.

Example [1] General Ulysses S. Grant, a two-term President of the United States, had spent more than two years touring Europe and the Far East with his family.

[11] A viable candidate for a third term as president, Grant was relieved when James A. Garfield received the 1880 Republican Party nomination. [12] After losing this bid for another term in the White House, Grant settled into a quieter lifestyle with a considerable nest egg, savings that amounted to approximately \$100,000. [13] He decided to put most of his savings into a business run by two people, his son and another man. [14] Still a poor judge of character, Grant was no more successful with this venture than he had been with some before the war. [15] Unfortunately, his son's partner, Ferdinand Ward, was as dishonest as some of Grant's Cabinet members had been.