

Appositives and Appositive Phrases B

14k. An **appositive** is a noun or a pronoun placed beside another noun or pronoun to identify or describe it.

EXAMPLE Yellowstone National Park extends into three states, **Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho**. [The appositives identify the noun *states*.]

14l. An **appositive phrase** consists of an appositive and its modifiers.

EXAMPLE The Channel Tunnel, **the underwater tunnel connecting England and France**, was completed in 1994. [The appositive phrase identifies the noun *Channel Tunnel*.]

EXERCISE Underline the appositives and appositive phrases in the following sentences. Then, circle the noun or pronoun that the appositive identifies or describes.

Example 1. Shelby, the winner of the spelling bee, was mentioned in the newspaper.

- The pillow was made of an extremely soft material, goose feathers.
- Gena's favorite comic strip, *Peanuts*, is a constant source of amusement to her.
- We listened to beautiful piano sonatas by Beethoven, the famous composer.
- Kevin gave his sister, Valerie, his old catcher's mitt as a gift.
- The skateboarder, an expert at negotiating the half pipe, dazzled the crowd.
- A single clue, a torn-up slipper, alerted Kim to the fact that her dog had been in the closet.
- The impressive flag, a symbol of national pride, fluttered softly in the wind.
- Berkeley has watched the movie *Babe* twelve times.
- For the afternoon hike, Gino packed an orange, one of his favorite fruits.
- Ricky chose to study the artist Picasso for his art project.
- Uncle Mike, my father's younger brother, is an art director in Hollywood.
- In New York we saw the musical *Cats*.
- My grandmother went to high school with the famous film director Stanley Kubrick.
- West Side Story*, a retelling of *Romeo and Juliet*, was first a Broadway play.
- My favorite book is *Lord of the Rings*, an epic fantasy in three volumes.
- Ms. Hong, my math teacher, is retiring this year.
- A Prairie Home Companion*, Helen's favorite radio show, plays every Saturday night.
- Jason, the last person you would expect, volunteered to cook.
- Lara's hometown, Big Rapids, is in Michigan.
- Roger has lived in three countries, England, Switzerland, and the United States.