

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #47

FOCUS Commas with Appositives

Use commas to set apart appositives and appositive phrases that are not necessary to understand the sentence. Don't use commas when the appositive or appositive phrase is essential.

CONNECT TO WRITING

An appositive is a noun, pronoun, or noun phrase that identifies or explains another noun or pronoun before or after it.

Examples: The man, the one with the hat, ordered two desserts.
 My friend, Laura, left the show early.

PRACTICE

Place commas in the following sentences to set apart appositives.

1. Joe and Mandy our debate leaders thought we had a good chance.
2. Johnny Mingo the Australian cowboy rode his horse off into the sunset.
3. Searching for answers, Louis Pasteur the famous scientist carried on.
4. Jim the butler served their last meal.

Fill in the blanks with appositives from the list below and properly punctuate.

5. _____ our two friends left the concert early.
6. The wonderful teacher _____ shared the slides with her students.
7. The author has just completed his latest book _____.
8. That song _____ lasts six minutes.

Ms. So "The Swan" The End Kim and Tom

WRITE

Compose your own sentence with an appositive word and an appositive phrase.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #50 Practice Answers

1. Lawton, Nevada is my hometown.
2. Olympia, Washington is a beautiful capital.
3. Bogota, Colombia seems like a fascinating city.
4. Glendale, Texas is a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there.
5. I live at 3442 Spring Street in Irvine, South Carolina.
6. I wrote a letter addressed to: Mo Lawson, 34 North Main St., Columbus Ohio.
7. Amador City, California has post office boxes for its residents.
8. St. Petersburg, Russia used to be the capital of that country.
9. When did Juneau, Alaska reach a population of 10,000?

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #51 Practice Answers

1. Listen to me, Barbara, and then make up your own mind.
2. That's a dangerous thought you've shared, Bud.
3. Look, Jane, it's going to be hard at first.
4. Sitting by the sofa, she said, "Henry, get over here."
5. I just don't know, Bobby.
6. Tawny, watch where you're going.
7. If you notice, Peter and Kris, none of that will be on the test.
8. Look, Paul, and see here, Julie, you both have missed the main point.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #52 Practice Answers

1. Neither he wanted to face the problem, nor did she want to deal with that challenge.
2. In order that all people would have the same chance, they decided to draw numbers.
3. Raymond sent a message to his cousin, but the message was returned unopened.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #53 Practice Answers

Left Letter—Dear Ralph, ... Yours truly
Right Letter—To Whom It May Concern, ... Sincerely,

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #54 Practice Answers

1. Around the corner she ran into a large, angry dog.
2. If I didn't know better, I would guess that the tired, old woman was not going to leave her house.
3. The funny green character said, "I'm crazy, silly, and full of energy."
4. Unless I'm mistaken, the usual cloudy, gray morning will change to afternoon sun and wind.
5. The book is creative, surprising, delightful, and completely entertaining.
6. The girls are cheerful, helpful, and careful to mind their manners.
7. I left the yucky blue and white board in the stinky, dirty garage.