

Appositive Phrases

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

EXAMPLES The charts, **each in a different format**, show the changes in income and expenses this year.

Will you vote for her and him, **the best-qualified student council candidates**?

EXERCISE A Underline the appositive phrases in the sentences below.

Example 1. Artie, show these people, our newly hired accountants, the latest reports.

1. One of our salesclerks, a girl named Shauna, sets a good example.
2. Do we note the pattern, the number and width of their stripes, to tell the zebras apart?
3. Rosalie was sure she had seen a black hole, a cavernous dark spot in the night sky.
4. When it's time to leave for the airport, the new one near the east freeway, let me know.
5. Did the R.M.S. *Titanic*, that most luxurious of cruise ships, have only one gash in its hull?
6. Calculate the values of these variables, x and y , for this equation.
7. The duckbilled platypuses, odd-looking mammals, seemed to be playing chase in the river.
8. I enjoyed *The Last of the Mohicans*, both the television movie and the book.
9. Looking over his truck, Jett decided to add two things, a step and a grab bar by each door.
10. Our neighbors, the new family two houses away, are planting yuccas in their front yard.

EXERCISE B Underline the appositive phrase in each sentence below. Then, draw an arrow to the word that the phrase identifies or describes.

Example 1. Would that metal worker, the one next to the forge, teach me this trade?

11. Describe three achievements of Margaret Thatcher, the former British Prime Minister.
12. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a leading advocate for the end of segregation, worked to get unfair laws changed.
13. As long ago as 1949, scientists were investigating the nutritional value of plankton, small ocean creatures.
14. Have you ever wondered what makes emeralds, such amazing gemstones, so beautiful?
15. Researchers compared tuberculosis strains, both the active and the nonactive, looking for what did and did not cause the disease.