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Appositives

An appositive is a noun or phrase that renames the noun, pronoun, or phrase that it is placed next to. The word or words the appositive renames are called its antecedent. Appositives are most often used to add information to a sentence, provide clarity, or add variety to sentence structure.

Examples:

antecedent →
Ameer loves Ocean's Fury, a dark ride themed like a submarine.

The appositive adds information describing Ocean's Fury.

antecedent →
Rivka's favorite ride, the one with three loops, has a one-hour wait time.

The appositive clarifies which ride is Rivka's favorite.

Lava Landing is the fastest ride. It's also the only red ride.

antecedent →
Lava Landing, the only red ride, is the fastest ride.

The appositive combines two short sentences into one longer sentence.

Appositives almost always follow their antecedents, so they mostly appear in the middle or at the end of a sentence. Rarely, an appositive that adds nonessential information will appear before its antecedent at the beginning of a sentence.

appositive → antecedent
A roller coaster enthusiast, Harper wanted to try every ride.