Punctuating Appositives

Depending on the kind of information an appositive provides, it might need to be offset from the rest of a sentence. This is most often done with commas, although sometimes other punctuation may be used instead.

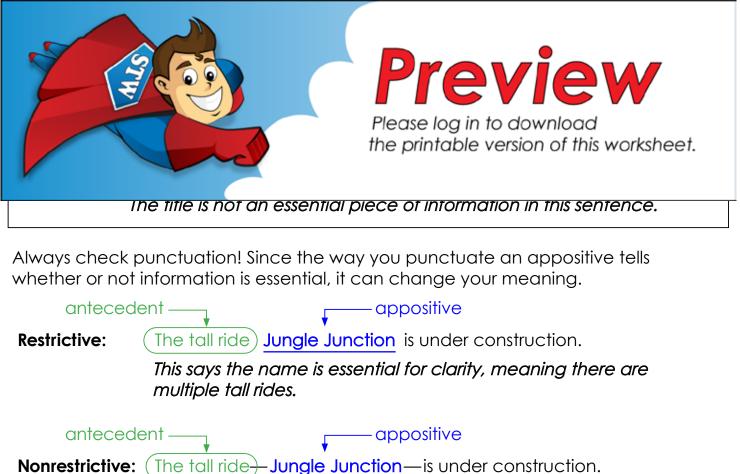
Restrictive appositives are essential to the meaning of a sentence. If they are removed, the meaning of the sentence requires clarification. **Do not use commas or any other punctuation to offset restrictive appositives.**

antecedent-

↓ appositive

Example: (The popular book) <u>Spots to Visit</u> says this park is a must-see stop.

If the appositive is removed, the reader does not know which "popular book" is being referenced. The title is an essential piece of information in this sentence.



restrictive: (The fail ride-Jungle Junction — is under construction.

This says the name is **not** essential for clarity, meaning there is only one tall ride.