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Finding Appositives and Appositive Phrases

An appositive is a noun or pronoun that identifies or explains another noun or pronoun in the sentence.

1. Mr. Rich, our football coach, is looking forward to a great season this year.
2. Todd, the team captain, has been working hard all summer.
3. Tomorrow is the game against our rival school Central.
4. The referee, the one with the black hat, gave our team a penalty.
5. The song “Fire Away” will be our fight song this year.
6. The coach called for a new play, Blue 42.
7. Our receiver, the one with the school record, caught the pass in the end zone.
8. Billy, our kicker, scored the winning point.
9. Mrs. Johnson, the journalism teacher, said we should interview Billy.
10. Arthur Donovan, the opposing coach, congratulated our school.
Punctuating Sentences with Appositives or Appositive Phrases

◆ Add or delete commas so they are used correctly with appositives or appositive phrases in the sentences below. If a sentence is correct, make no changes.

1. My brother, Bob, likes to read.

2. The book, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, is one of his favorites.

3. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* a book by Mark Twain is also a favorite.

4. Tom my younger brother enjoys building models with his friends.

5. His favorite model, the *Titanic*, is on display in his room.
Mixed Practice: Personal Pronouns

◆ Underline the correct personal pronoun for each sentence.

1. Last week (I, me) learned about sharks in science.

2. Sharks make (their, they’re) homes in the temperate oceans around the world.

3. Long teeth help the shark capture (it, its) prey.

4. The best-known shark scientists are Dr. Eugenie Clark and (he, him).

5. The shark was swimming toward (they, them).

6. When one diver was bothered by a shark, she gave (it, its) a sharp blow to the head.

7. The surprised shark left (she, her) alone.

8. Most great white sharks are quite large, and (they, them) can weigh as much as 7,000 pounds.

9. Dr. Eugenie Clark and (she, her) will be lecturing at our school next week.

10. We hope she will give (we, us) some new information about sharks.

11. Carl and (she, her) did not know that sharks have boneless skeletons.

12. (Their, Theirs) bodies are sleek.

13. Have Karen and (he, him) seen the shark exhibit at the aquarium?

14. Laurie pointed out the model of the shark to Frank and (I, me).

15. (They’re, Their) babies are called pups.
CHAPTER 12 Using Pronouns  (pages 88–101)

Using Who and Whom Correctly

◆ Underline the correct word in parentheses for each sentence.

1. (Whose, Who's) is this mystery book?

2. (Who, Whom) is your favorite character in the book?

3. About (who, whom) was the novel written?

4. (Who, Whom) is the author?

5. (Who, Whom) did you believe was really telling the truth?

6. (Whose, Who's) was the best alibi?

7. From (who, whom) did you pick up most of your clues?

8. (Who, Whom) did the detective question about the crime?

9. (Who, Whom) committed the crime?

10. (Whose, Who's) giving the book report on the next mystery story?