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Constructing Sentences

Write words on the lines to make simple sentences. Use the parts of speech as indicated. You may add articles (*a, an, the*) to the nouns as needed.

Remember:

Nouns name persons, places, things. **Adjectives** describe nouns.

Verbs show action or state of being. **Adverbs** tell how, when, where.

Active verbs are *run, look, yell*.

Prepositions connect a noun to a word before it.

Linking verbs are *is, am, are*.

Examples:

Dogs run.
noun active verb

Quickly the ball flew over the fence.
adverb noun act. prep. noun
verb

Big dogs run fast.
adj. noun verb adj.

The dog was brown.
noun linking verb adj.

1. _____ .
noun verb
2. _____ .
noun linking verb adjective
3. _____ .
noun active verb adverb
4. _____ .
noun active verb preposition noun
5. _____ .
noun active verb adjective noun (object)
6. _____ .
adjective noun verb
7. _____ .
adverb noun active verb noun (object)
8. _____ .
adverb adjective noun verb
9. _____ .
adverb adjective noun preposition noun
active verb noun (object)
10. _____ .
adjective adjective adjective noun
verb adverb

Appositives

An appositive is an expression (a word or group of words) that explains or identifies a noun or pronoun that comes just before it in a sentence.

Appositives are set off from the rest of the sentence by commas.

Example: Arnie won the first prize, a trip to Hawaii.
(The appositive, **a trip to Hawaii**, describes the noun, **prize**.)

Place commas where needed to separate each appositive from the noun it explains.

1. My best friend Hetty Sullivan is traveling in Europe.
2. Have you met Mr. Rogers my English teacher?
3. Nantucket an old ship was on display at the Navy Yard.
4. That old tree a sturdy oak was struck by lightning.
5. Ben Franklin a man of many talents is remembered by all.

Create one sentence from each pair below. Use the information in the second sentence as an appositive to a word appearing in the first sentence.

Example: Kim can design clothes. She is my sister.
Kim, my sister, can design clothes.

6. Our new car uses very little gas. It is a Honda.

7. We called Ms. Edwards. She is the art editor.

8. Terry, this is Chico. He is my brother.

9. Pat likes outdoor life. She is the girl in the yellow sweater.

10. A young singer captivated the whole country. It was Michael Jackson.

Write five sentences about friends or relatives. Use at least two appositives.

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