**Appositives**

An *appositive* is a noun or pronoun, usually with modifiers, that is placed next to another noun or pronoun either to identify or explain it.

Examples:

Your friend **Billy** is in trouble.

My brother’s car, **a blue convertible**, is the envy of my friends.

The Kelly twins, **Rory and Rick**, are both excellent lacrosse players.

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**Directions: Underline each appositive or appositive phrase in the following sentences. A sentence may contain more than one appositive or appositive phrase. If a sentence does not contain an appositive or appositive phrase, write NONE on the line provided.**

*Example: The Kelly Twins, Rory and Rick, are both excellent lacrosse players.*

1. Nowadays a lathe, a machine tool used for cutting metal or wood, is likely to be programmed by a computer.
2. The composer George Gershwin wrote the music for the opera Porgy and Bess.
3. Hosni owns books by Isaac Asimov, a scientist and science fiction writer.

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**Directions: Underline each appositive or appositive phrase in the following sentences. Then, circle the word or words each appositive or appositive phrase explains or identifies.**

*Example: June 21, the summer solstice, is Marguerite’s birthday.*

1. High definition television, HDTV, has cinema-quality images.
2. A four-time recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, Robert Frost was the first poet to read a poem at a presidential inauguration.
3. Two crops, corn and potatoes, were grown in North and South America long before Europeans arrived.