APPOSITIVES

Learning Outcome: Upon successful completion of this worksheet, students will be able to combine sentences by turning one sentence into an appositive.

Before you begin: If you need to refresh your memory about appositives, please consult a handbook like Diana Hacker’s A Writer’s Reference here in the WRC or visit The Guide to Grammar at http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index2.htm.

When you are done: Worksheets are designed to be a self-teaching opportunity. Therefore, we provide the answer keys so that, when you are done, you can check your answers. Should you want to consult with a professor on duty about your answers, please be sure to check your answers first.

Directions: Rewrite each pair of sentences below so that part of the second sentence becomes a properly punctuated appositive in the first. You will have one sentence when you are done.

Example: The maple tree does not produce enough sugar for the whole country.
The maple is a valuable tree.
   The maple, a valuable tree, does not produce enough sugar for the whole country.

1. Tony’s aged aunt has included him in her will.
   She is a widow.

2. Pirate’s Cave attracts tourists even in January.
   It is a grotto in a picturesque inlet.

3. The third plan has been adopted.
   It is to abandon Mr. Hardy’s land.

4. Anaya’s new purchase seems quite chic.
   She bought a designer dress.

5. The McKay clan rules local politics.
   The clan is a group of fifteen individualists.

6. Enrique traded in his old saw on a new table model.
   The new model is a well-engineered machine.

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7. The teacher’s suggestion drew applause from the class.
   She suggested a twenty-minute passing period.

8. Any serious angler will want this new reel.
   It is an unbreakable piece of equipment.

9. Ms. Garcia won the promotion easily.
   She was the best of the three candidates.

10. Mohammed logged more word-processing hours than anyone else in the class this term.
    He is a computer-science major.