Appositives

Purpose: Upon completion of this activity, students will be able to identify and properly punctuate appositives. This DLA should take approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

1. Go to: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/596/01/
2. Carefully read the rules governing appositives. Read for a clear understanding.

3. Answer the following questions:

A. What is the definition of an appositive? _________________________________
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B. An appositive may _______________ or _______________ the word it explains/renames, but it must be always be positioned next to it.

C. Appositives will always describe a _______________ or a _______________.

D. When do we use commas around appositives? ____________________________
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E. When do we not use commas around appositives? _______________________
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F. Write an original sentence of your own that contains an appositive:
   ___________________________________________________________________
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4. Obtain WRC worksheet #6 (Appositives) located under “Other Resources” on the WRC’s web site (http://academic.rcc.edu/wrc). Complete the exercise and see the receptionist for the answer key. How many did you miss? _____ After correcting your answers, take your worksheet to an instructor/tutor for a discussion about any errors you made and any remaining questions you have about the topic.

5. Have the instructor/tutor sign on the line below:

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Signature                                      Date