

POWER SENTENCES - USING APPOSITIVE PHRASES

★ PRACTICE 1: MATCHING

- A. Match the appositive phrases with the sentences.
- B. Write out each sentence, inserting and underlining the appositive phrase at the caret (^).
- C. Use all three positions at least once — opener, s-v split, closer.
- D. Remember to add commas as given in the sentences.

EXAMPLE:

Nobody was around but Snowball, the white cat belonging to Mrs. Little.

E.B. White, *Stuart Little*

Sentences:

Appositive Phrases:

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| 1. One of the pups came slowly toward me, ^ .
Scott O'Dell, "Island of the Blue Dolphins" | a. a real tear |
| 2. ^ , Andrew has made several bicycle tours through Europe.
Andrew Kausser, "Challenging My Fears" | b. a round ball of fur that I could have held in my hand. |
| 3. A tear, ^ , trickled down his shabby velvet nose and fell to the ground.
Margery Williams, "The Velveteen Rabbit" | c. an avid biker |
| 4. It was a runt, ^ .
Dick King-Smith, <i>Pigs Might Fly</i> | d. the kind you see over the basin in old-fashioned bathrooms |
| 5. Inside was a small white metal cupboard with a mirror in the door, ^ .
Lynne Reid Banks, <i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i> | e. a piglet born for some reason far smaller and weaker than its brothers and sisters |

★ PRACTICE 2: IDENTIFYING

- A. Write the following sentences.
- B. Underline the appositive phrase in each sentence.

EXAMPLE:

This was a deer mouse, a little creature with big eyes and long hind legs like a miniature kangaroo.

6. Mike Mulligan had a steam shovel, a beautiful red steam shovel.
Virginia Lee Burton, *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*
7. Earth, our little blue and green planet with the fluffy white clouds and all, is under attack.
K. A. Applegate, *Animorphs: The Underground*
8. On the fifth day, the day before Laurie's return to London, they went together to the riverbank.
Phillippa Pearce, "Fresh"
9. Every year, Harry was left behind with Mrs. Figg, a mad old lady who lived two streets away.
J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
10. He remembered a chipmunk he had as a small boy, a pet that came when called and ate in his hand.
Hal Borland, *When Legends Die*

★ PRACTICE 3: COMBINING

- A. Combine the two sentences by making the underlined part of the second sentence an appositive phrase to put at the caret (^).
- B. Write the new sentence and underline the appositive phrase.

EXAMPLE:

- a. The pilot seemed more a machine than a man, ^.
- b. He seemed an extension of the plane.

Gary Paulsen, *Hatchet*

The pilot seemed more a machine than a man, an extension of the plane.

- 11a. Moana, ^, was reaching up for them, seeking to draw them down to his dark heart.
- 11b. Moana was the Sea God.
Armstrong Sperry, *Call It Courage*

- 12a. Curtis and Doug, ^, came out of Mrs. Sharp's class.
- 12b. They were two of Jeff's friends.
William H. Armstrong, *Souder*

- 13a. As far back as the 1960's, Dr. John Lilly, ^, had suggested ways in which they might cooperate with man.
- 13b. He was the first scientist to attempt communication with dolphins.
Arthur C. Clarke, *Dolphin Island*

- 14a. Buck did not read the newspapers, and he did not know that Manuel, ^, was an undesirable acquaintance.
- 14b. Manuel was one of the gardener's helpers.
Jack London, *The Call of the Wild*

- 15a. Grey damp would be around them, and the sun, ^, would fade away.
- 15b. The sun looked like a copper penny.
T. H. White, *Book of Merlyn*

★ PRACTICE 4: UNSCRAMBLING

- A. Unscramble the list of sentence parts and write out the sentence. Add commas and end punctuation where necessary.
- B. Underline the appositive phrase in each sentence.
- C. NOTE: The capitalized sentence part begins the sentence.

EXAMPLE:

- a. Tobias
- b. was about a hundred feet above us, floating on a nice warm current of air
- c. the remaining member of our group.

K. A. Applegate, *Animorphs: The Underground*

Tobias, the remaining member of our group, was about a hundred feet above us, floating on a nice warm current of air.

- 16a. was Cold Sassy's champion milk producer
- 16b. a tan Jersey named Blind Tillie
- 16c. One of them

Olive Ann Burns, *Cold Sassy Tree*

- 17a. just to dance
- 17b. a city far away from here
- 17c. Once they even went to St. Louis

Joseph Krumbgold, *And Now Miquel*

- 18a. about me and Sheila
- 18b. the elevator operator
- 18c. Henry
- 18d. is always making jokes

Judy Blume, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*

- 19a. had all gone South
- 19b. The guidepost of her ancestors
- 19c. would soon be visible and would point the way
- 19d. the North Star
- 19e. when the birds

Jean Craighead George, *Julie of the Wolves*

- 20a. was a box in one corner of the room
- 20b. a box with dials
- 20c. Mrs. Frisby's attention the most
- 20d. and a small light
- 20e. shining on the front
- 20f. What attracted

Robert C. O'Brien, *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*