

Combining Sentences Using Appositives

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Using an appositive phrase is good way to include details without having too many short, choppy sentences. An appositive also adds interest to a sentence.



Example:

Without appositives:

The monument is large. It is made of stone. It is in South Dakota. It has four presidents' faces on it. It is called Mt. Rushmore.

With an appositive:

Mt. Rushmore, a large stone monument in South Dakota, has the faces of four presidents on it.

The second example combines sentences using the appositive phrase "a large stone monument in South Dakota" to provide a smoother reading experience for the reader.

Combine the sentences below into one sentence that uses at least one appositive.

1. The car was made in 2009. It is a Toyota. It is red. It belongs to Joe.

2. The book was short. It had only 65 pages. Peter finished it quickly.

3. The girl is little. She is cute. She is also very smart. Her name is Mary.

4. Vincent van Gogh was a famous artist. He painted "The Starry Night." He painted it in 1889.

5. We watched a movie. The title was "Peter Pan." It is my favorite movie.

6. He is my favorite uncle. His name is Bob. He is winning the game.

7. She is Mark's youngest sister. Her name is Jenny. She got a new kitten.

8. The dog belongs to the neighbors. He often barks at squirrels. He is a collie.

9. The museum is in Paris. It is called the Louvre. It has many famous paintings.

10. He is Pam's husband. He is strong. His name is Allen.

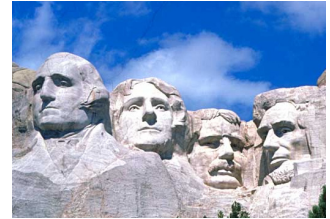
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Student answers will vary. Examples of correct answers:

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Joe's car, a 2009 Toyota, is red.

2. The book was short. It had only 65 pages. Peter finished it quickly.

Peter quickly finish the book, a short one of only 65 pages.

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Mary, a cute little girl, is also very smart.

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Vincent van Gogh, the famous artist, painted "The Starry Night" in 1889.

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We watched my favorite movie, "Peter Pan."

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Mark's youngest sister, Jenny, got a new kitten.

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The neighbor's dog, a collie, often barks at squirrels.

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The Louvre, a Paris museum, has many famous paintings.

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Pam's husband, Allen, is strong.