



Comma Rules

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. An appositive is set off by commas because it adds _____ information about a noun.
2. In "My cat, Whiskers, loves to nap," the word "Whiskers" is an _____.
3. A parenthetical element can be _____ from a sentence without changing its main meaning.
4. The phrase "which was built in 1990" is a _____ element that gives extra detail.
5. Commas are placed both _____ and after an appositive in the middle of a sentence.
6. In "The movie, by the way, was excellent," the phrase "by the way" is a _____ expression.
7. If an appositive appears at the _____ of a sentence, only one comma is needed before it.
8. The phrase "a talented singer" in "Maria, a talented singer, performed at the show" _____ the noun Maria.
9. Without commas, a reader might _____ an appositive phrase as part of the main idea.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

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"The test, I must admit, was harder than I expected."	→ _____	Appositive in the middle of a sentence
"I called my best friend, Sophie."	→ _____	Parenthetical aside expressing an opinion
"Our town, a quiet place near the lake, has one school."	→ _____	Parenthetical clause giving extra detail
"The book, which I read	→ _____	Appositive at the end of a

Answer Key • Comma Rules • Grade: Grade 5

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1. An appositive is set off by commas because it adds extra information about a noun.
2. In "My cat, Whiskers, loves to nap," the word "Whiskers" is an appositive.
3. A parenthetical element can be removed from a sentence without changing its main meaning.
4. The phrase "which was built in 1990" is a parenthetical element that gives extra detail.
5. Commas are placed both before and after an appositive in the middle of a sentence.
6. In "The movie, by the way, was excellent," the phrase "by the way" is a parenthetical expression.
7. If an appositive appears at the end of a sentence, only one comma is needed before it.
8. The phrase "a talented singer" in "Maria, a talented singer, performed at the show" renames the noun Maria.
9. Without commas, a reader might confuse an appositive phrase as part of the main idea.

Part B: Matching

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