

# Appositives



# Appositives - Defined

- An appositive is a noun or pronoun with modifiers which adds extra information or details.
  - appositives generally identify, rename, or explain.
  - sentences are still complete and make sense if the appositive is removed.
  - They are easy to identify because they are often surrounded by commas.

- **My car, **which is very old**, won't start when the weather gets too cold.**
- **Does the appositive identify, rename, or explain?**
  - explain
- **What punctuation surrounds the appositive?**
  - commas
- **How would the sentence read with it removed?**
  - **My car won't start when the weather gets too cold.**

- **My cat, Sweetums, is actually very unfriendly.**
- **Which word is the appositive in the above sentence?**
  - **Sweetums**
- **How would the sentence read with the appositive removed?**
  - **My cat is actually very unfriendly.**

**Which sentence contains an appositive?**

**A The books need placed in the desk.**

**B The wind blew leaves into the pool.**

**C My computer, a laptop, is easy to transport.**

**D The police blocked off the intersection.**

**The window, which is broken, needs to be taken out and replaced.**

**Which words in the above sentence forms an appositive?**

- A The window,**
- B which is broken,**
- C needs to be taken**
- D out and replaced.**