



APPOSITION

DEFINITION

Apposition consists of placing two noun phrases next to each other in a sentence, which both refer to the same thing.

EXAMPLE

My sister, Sarah, is a doctor.
In this sentence, 'my sister' and 'Sarah' are in apposition.

APPOSITIVE

An **appositive** is the second element of a noun phrase that is placed in apposition to the first one.

EXAMPLE

Marie, the mother of Jesus, is a model of obedience and humility for all believers. Here, 'the mother of Jesus' is the appositive.

PUNCTUATION

Non-restrictive appositives provide extra information that is not necessary to identify the noun. They are separated by commas.
Restrictive appositive do not need commas.