

Appositive Phrases

51. An **appositive phrase** consists of an appositive and its modifiers.

EXAMPLES The restaurant's specialty is paella, **a Spanish dish of rice and various meats and spices**. [The appositive phrase identifies the noun *paella*.]

Paella, **one of the restaurant's specialties**, is a Spanish dish of rice and various meats and spices. [The appositive phrase identifies the noun *paella*.]

EXERCISE A Underline the appositive phrase in each of the following sentences.

Example 1. Pedro, a tall and slender man, rescued the kitten from the tree.

1. Vasco da Gama, a Portuguese explorer, was the first European to reach India by sea.
2. Last week, Freddie witnessed an odd event, a pig and a cat taking a nap together.
3. The professor, a woman of keen insight, explained her interpretation of the story.
4. Charles Dickens, author of *A Christmas Carol*, had to work in a shoe polish factory as a boy.
5. The band played "Panther Pride," the school's fight song, during the graduation ceremony.

EXERCISE B Underline the appositive phrase in each of the following sentences. Then, circle the noun or pronoun that the appositive phrase identifies or describes.

Example 1. The meteor shower, an unpredicted event, caught the scientists by surprise.

6. Hank Aaron, the right fielder from Alabama, broke Babe Ruth's record for home runs.
7. Make sure that you bring the most important item, your permission slip.
8. Paul, his cousin from St. Louis, could juggle six tennis balls at once.
9. The Mexican food, a delicious change of pace, spiced things up in the cafeteria.
10. Leslie's cat, an amazingly smart animal, learned to sit up and roll over on command.