

Commas with Appositives

- An **appositive** is a noun or pronoun, often with adjectives and other words, placed after a noun to identify or explain it. Commas are usually used to set off an appositive from the rest of the sentence.

The red deer, a large and impressive looking animal, has a slender body and long legs.

Thinking Questions

Is there a phrase that follows a noun?

Does the phrase identify or explain the noun?

Rewrite each sentence. Add commas where they are needed.

1. The caribou of North America animals famous for long migrations often travel in herds numbering in the tens of thousands.
2. The elk the largest species of deer has a humped back and long, thin legs.
3. Elk creatures active during the early morning rest during the middle part of the day.
4. The elk's coat fur that is thick and coarse in texture is short except for the shoulders, where it forms a distinctive mane.