

Appositive Grammar Definitions

An appositive noun or pronoun explains, or renames, a head noun or pronoun.

Put appositive nouns and pronouns in the same case as the head word. Several words used as a noun phrase are treated as a phrase.

Appositive nouns are often introduced by words like “or”, “namely”, and similar words.

An appositive noun or pronoun taken together with its objects and modifiers in a phrase is called an appositive.

Restrictive appositives are closely joined to the head noun or pronoun. If the sentence is read without the appositive and the meaning of the sentence is changed the appositive is restrictive.

Nonrestrictive appositives are loosely joined to the head noun or pronoun and are not necessary to the main thought. If the sentence is read without the appositive and the sentence still conveys the main thought it has a nonrestrictive appositive. (Good way to double check.)