

Appositive On The Line Answer Key

1. My dog, Max, barked loudly.

- Base: dog | barked
- Possessive pronoun "My" modifies "dog"
- Appositive: (Max) on the same line as "dog," separated by a vertical bar
- Adverb "loudly" modifies "barked"

2. The author, Shakespeare, wrote many plays.

- Base: author | wrote
- Article "The" modifies "author"
- Appositive: (Shakespeare) after "author"
- Direct object: "plays" with adjective "many"
- Verb "wrote" points to "plays"

3. Our teacher, Mrs. Lee, explained the lesson.

- Base: teacher | explained
- Possessive pronoun "Our" modifies "teacher"

- Appositive: (Mrs. Lee) after "teacher"
- Direct object: "lesson" with article "the"

4. My friend, a great swimmer, won the race.

- Base: friend | won
- Possessive pronoun "My" modifies "friend"
- Appositive: (swimmer) after "friend"
- With modifiers: "a" and "great"
- Direct object: "race" with article "the"

5. The city, New York, is very busy.

- Base: city | is
- Article "The" modifies "city"
- Appositive: (New York) after "city"
- Predicate adjective: "busy" with adverb "very" modifying it

Teacher's Notes:

- The appositive is always diagrammed in parentheses right after the noun it renames.
- Articles, adjectives, and possessives still attach on slanted lines below their nouns.
- Direct objects, predicate adjectives, and adverbs follow normal placement.