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Grammar: Apposition/Textual referencing

Apposition is when we use two nouns or noun phrases in the same sentence to refer to the same person or thing.

Study the examples below:

The pulse rate, the oldest measure of physical health, is still measured today. (The noun phrases 'The pulse rate' and 'the oldest measure of physical health' are the same thing.)

Dr Jones, the new cardiologist, is very kind. (The noun phrases 'Dr Jones' and 'the new cardiologist' are the same person.)

A blood test, a valuable examination, can answer a lot of health questions. That instrument, the one at the back of the cabinet, actually belonged to Karl Landsteiner.

The researchers, some of the most respected in the field, didn't understand the true impact of their findings.

We can use **commas** to separate the two noun phrases depending on what kind of information we want to convey.

Textual referencing

We can use demonstratives, pronouns, possessive adjectives, phrases, etc. to avoid repetition and make ideas in a piece of writing easier to follow. By using this cohesion technique to connect sentences and paragraphs, we make our piece of writing flow well.

Many scientists didn't receive credit for ***their*** discoveries in ***their*** lifetimes. ***The discovery of the greenhouse effect***, for example, was made by Eunice Foote in 1856, but the credit for ***this*** was given to John Tyndall in 1859.

Rewrite the sentences using *apposition*

- 1 My professor discovered a new chemical element. His name is Dr James.

My professor, Dr James, discovered a new chemical element.

- 2 Paul and Stephen carried out the research. They are some of the most experienced immunologists at the facility.

Paul and Stephen, , carried out the research. ●

- 3 Haemophilia is a hereditary condition. It is a serious blood disorder.

Haemophilia, , is a hereditary condition. ●

- 4 Charles Darwin was born in 1809. He is one of the most famous biologists in history.

Charles Darwin, , was born in 1809. ●

Rewrite the sentences using *Textual referencing*

- 1 Free healthcare will become a reality for many citizens soon, although free healthcare has been the norm for some of us for many years.

Free healthcare will become a reality for many citizens soon, although for many years. ●

- 2 Joseph Lister made many fascinating discoveries, although Joseph Lister is mainly remembered for promoting sterile surgery.

Joseph Lister made many fascinating discoveries, although sterile surgery. ●

- 3 Pierre and Marie Curie conducted research into radioactivity. Pierre and Marie Curie's research won the Nobel Prize in 1903.

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