Appositives

An appositive completes a thought in a sentence. It is there to add detail to a noun or a pronoun.

Example:

My cat, **Max**, likes to push things on tables to the floor.

An appositive can also be a phrase (group of words).

Example:

The winter months, **which are very cold in Canada**, feel painfully long.

Put a comma before and after the appositive to separate it from the sentence. The only exception to this is if your appositive needs to be there for the sentence to be clear.

Example:

The artist **Degas** is renowned for his paintings of ballerinas.

A. **Add** an **appositive** to each sentence **using the bank below.** Be sure that your appositive makes sense with the sentence. There is **only one possibility** for each sentence. Be careful of spelling, liveworksheets is case sensitive.

Helen	our Prime Minister
a 93 meter high statue	a very long river in North America
Beethoven	the capital of Canada
the land of warriors	Tutankhamun

1. The Mississippi, _____, is a landmark I've always wanted to visit.

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2. The composer _____ is arguably most famous for his Moonlight Sonata.
3. My sister _____ lives in California.
4. Sparta, _____, was a powerful city-state in ancient Greece.
5. Justin Trudeau, _____, is serving his second term in office.
6. Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the pharaoh _____ in 1922.
7. The statue of Liberty, _____, was a gift from France to the U.S.
8. Ottawa, _____, is a much smaller city than Toronto.

B. Tell me if there should be **commas separating the appositives** in the sentences below. The appositives are in bold. Write **yes** or **no** on the line.

1. Nikki Sixx **the bassist from Mötley Crüe** has a radio show now. _____
2. My uncle **Gilbert** sold his house recently. _____
3. Miss Rich **our English teacher** is a member of the ski club. _____
4. The Tsar **Nicolas II** was the last Romanov leader of Russia. _____
5. The inventor **Nikola Tesla** is less well known but is responsible for many of the technological marvels we have today. _____
6. Mercury **the closest planet to the Sun** is the smallest planet in our solar system. _____
7. The University of Ottawa **my alma mater** was founded in 1848. _____
8. The wrestler **The Rock** now has a very successful acting career. _____

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