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Appositive Hunt

An appositive phrase provides additional details about a noun or pronoun in a sentence.

Example: The florist's eldest daughter, Lilly, smelled the rose.

Read the paragraph below. Underline the appositive phrases. Write them on the lines at the bottom of the page.

The local florist and his wife had a sense of humor when naming their children, three daughters and a son. Their eldest daughter, Lilly, didn't mind being named after a flower. Sylvia, her best friend, agreed that Lilly was a normal girl's name. By the time their second daughter was born, the florist and his wife, a creative couple, used an unusual name. They named her after the Chrysanthemum, the florist's favorite flower. Although it was a different name, she didn't really mind it either. Most of her friends just called her Chrissy. By the time daughter number three arrived, her parents decided to be truly unique. They named her Delphinium. This youngest daughter, a future biologist, was called Della by her friends. When they had their last child, a son, they scratched their heads and didn't know what to do. They couldn't think of a good blooming plant name for a boy. Looking around the floral shop, the florist's eyes alit on something that gave him an idea. The unlikely plant, a cactus, made the florist think of a name more suited for a boy. They brought their newborn son, Saguaro, home and showed him to his three sisters. Saguaro, youngest of the florist's children, turned out to be a handsome young man with no thorns at all!

