

Noun phrases (“appositives”)

Look at the **noun phrases** in the following sentences.

Look where the **commas** are.



Marie Smith, **an English instructor**, has won the largest lottery jackpot in California history.

Her brother, **Ricardo Smith**, a local pilot, says that she will continue to teach at Monterey Peninsula College after a short vacation.

She is leaving tomorrow for Puerto Vallarta with her close friend, **Antonio Banderas**.

Do you feel positive about *APPOSITIVES*?

- A noun or noun phrase that immediately follows another noun is called an *appositive*.
- An *appositive* explains or defines the noun it follows and is generally set off by commas.

Ms. Smith, *an English instructor*, won the lottery.

Ms. Smith = English instructor

(*Ms. Smith* and the *English instructor* are the same person.)

The lottery winner, *a mother of three*, was ecstatic.

lottery winner = mother of three

(Two different ways to describe the same person.)