

Commas in appositives

Ex:

(appositive)
Ms. Davis, our principal, will
be right with you.

PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

- A:** Please read the sentence.
- B:** *Ms. Davis, our principal, will be right with you.*
- A:** Perfect! But wait . . . do you use commas before and after *our principal*?
- B:** You sure do.
- A:** But why?
- B:** Those commas surround an appositive.
- A:** What's an appositive?
- B:** It's when you name and rename something. You use different words, but it's the same person or thing. If you read the sentence *without* the appositive, it will still make sense.
- A:** Great explanation.
- B:** . . .
- A:** . . .

