EXERCISE A  Underline each appositive or appositive phrase in the following sentences.

EXAMPLE 1. The garment, a traditional Indian sari, was wrapped carefully around her body.

1. Number 53, a favorite with the crowd, is expected to break the record this game.
2. From the balcony, I looked out at the familiar sights—rooftops, treetops, and the houses of my old neighborhood.
3. The soloist bowed and picked up his instrument, a violin.
4. Ask Mr. Fulton, the man in the black beret over there, about the entrance fee.
5. My mother, a teacher at our school, also coaches the debate team.
6. Didn't Alexander, our school's best sprinter, win an award in track?
7. The trip, my first outside our home state, lasted for two weeks.
8. I studied the lines on his face, a map of every emotion felt in his seventy years.
9. These masks, fine examples of African art, strongly influenced Pablo Picasso.
10. These colors—green, white, and red—are the colors of the Mexican flag.

EXERCISE B  Underline each appositive or appositive phrase in the following sentences. Then, on the line provided, write the word or words that the appositive or appositive phrase identifies or explains.

EXAMPLE  novel  1. Have you read Gary Paulsen's novel Hatchet yet?

1. The story "Oni and the Great Bird" is a Yoruban tale.
2. In the suitcase were souvenirs from a lifetime—ticket stubs, letters, photographs, and many other items.
3. Now, let us welcome Carl Lewis, a nine-time Olympic gold medal winner!
4. A row of mirrors greeted visitors on their way through the exhibit, the last one in the museum.
5. Some of the students carried small computers, the latest craze among middle schoolers.
EXERCISE A

Insert commas where they are necessary in the following sentences.

EXAMPLE 1. My mother, I think, is preparing vegetable soup for dinner.

1. How many gold medals did Carl Lewis who was an Olympic sprinter and long jumper win?
2. Alfre Woodard in my opinion deserved the award.
3. Will you Angelica return my book when you go to the library?
4. Ireland the Emerald Isle lies west of Britain.
5. In fact Octavio Paz won the Nobel Prize in literature in 1990.
6. Just at twilight the finest hour of the day the moon rose.
7. The auditorium was a gift of Henry Allerdype the financier.
8. He speaks I believe the truth.
9. Constance Whitman the helicopter pilot promised to be there.
10. I told them on the contrary that my twin brother Eric is a salesperson.

EXERCISE B

Insert commas where they are necessary in the following sentences.

EXAMPLE 1. Edythe White, my neighbor, reminds me of Oprah Winfrey.

1. Edythe a talented performer longs to act on a Broadway stage.
2. In my opinion she will soon be performing there.
3. She studies acting with Reynold Williams the famous director at a theater workshop where he teaches.
4. When an acting school is connected to a theater it is called a theater workshop.
5. Yes students can try out for roles in theater performances.
6. Edythe will audition no doubt for one of the roles in a summer production of August Wilson's The Piano Lesson.
7. In fact the director has told her that she has an excellent chance of getting a part.
8. Indeed Edythe can sing and dance as well as act.
9. To tell the truth you would say that she comes alive when on stage.
10. In the summer after high school graduation Edythe would like to work in a New York theater.