

▶ Use commas to set off nonessential appositives. An appositive is a word or phrase that identifies or renames a noun or pronoun. A nonessential appositive adds information about a noun or pronoun in a sentence in which the meaning is already clear.

NONESSENTIAL

Paul, my brother, has gone bungee jumping in Australia.

An essential appositive provides information that is needed to explain the preceding noun or pronoun. It requires no commas.

ESSENTIAL

His friend Sheila will jump from a hot-air balloon in August.

Without the appositive the word *friend* could refer to any friend.

② Practice and Apply On your own paper.....

Do:

CONCEPT CHECK: Commas in Sentence Parts

Write the words that should be followed by commas. If no commas are necessary in a sentence, write *None*.

An Ancient Ritual or a Modern Craze?

1. Bungee jumping has been called the human yo-yo the brain squasher and the leap of faith.
2. Although bungee jumping is a recent invention the craze has already spread around the world.
3. Bungee jumping is a must-do activity for people visiting or living in places like France Australia and Mexico.
4. However this sudden craze is nothing new to the people of Pentecost Island in the South Pacific.
5. Our modern hobby is their version of an ancient tribal ritual that tests manhood.
6. The men it is said leap from towers 50 to 80 feet high, attached by just enough vine for their heads to barely touch the ground.
7. No this ritual is not a make-believe story.
8. In 1979 members of Oxford University's Dangerous Sports Club heard stories about the ritual and decided to test their own courage with a jump.
9. Wearing tuxedos and top hats they jumped off the 245-foot Clifton Bridge in Bristol, England.
10. A. J. Hackett a New Zealander brought bungee jumping to public attention when he jumped from the Eiffel Tower.

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