**Rhetoric Lesson Four: Repetion**

Appositive

* Jimbo Gold, **who is a professional magician,** performed at my sister's birthday party.

We also have the option of reducing the adjective clause in this sentence to an appositive. All that we need to do is omit the pronoun *who* and the verb *is*:

* Jimbo Gold, **a professional magician,** performed at my sister's birthday party.

The appositive *a professional magician* serves to identify the subject, *Jimbo Gold*. Reducing an adjective clause to an appositive is one way to [cut the clutter](http://grammar.about.com/od/words/tp/clutter_tips.htm) in our writing.

However, not all adjective clauses can be shortened to appositives in this fashion--only those that contain a [form of the verb *to be*](http://grammar.about.com/od/correctingerrors/a/formstobe.htm) (*is, are, was, were*).

**B. Arranging Appositives**

An appositive most often appears directly *after* the noun it identifies or renames:

* Arizona Bill, **"The Great Benefactor of Mankind,"** toured Oklahoma with herbal cures and a powerful liniment.

Note that this appositive, like most, could be omitted without changing the basic meaning of the sentence. In other words, it's [nonrestrictive](http://grammar.about.com/od/basicsentencegrammar/a/restrnonradjc03.htm) and needs to be set off with a pair of commas.

Occasionally, an appositive may appear in front of a word that it identifies:

* **A dark wedge,** the eagle hurtled earthward at nearly 200 miles per hour.

Anaphora

* To raise a happy, healthy, and hopeful child, **it takes** a family; **it takes** teachers; **it takes** clergy; **it takes** business people; **it takes** community leaders; **it takes** those who protect our health and safety. **It takes** all of us."

-- Hillary Clinton, *1996 Democratic National Convention Address*

Note: Can you spot the [alliteration](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/figures/alliteration.htm)?

* "**What we need in the United States is not** division. **What we need in the United States is not** hatred. **What we need in the United States is not** violence and lawlessness; but is love and wisdom and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country whether they be white or whether they be black."

-- Robert F. Kennedy, [Announcing the death of Martin Luther King](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/rfkonmlkdeath.html)

* Yesterday, the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya. **Last night, Japanese forces attacked** Hong Kong. **Last night, Japanese forces attacked** Guam. **Last night, Japanese forces attacked** the Philippine Islands. **Last night,** theJapanese attacked Wake Island. And this morning, the Japanese attacked Midway Island."
* -- Franklin Delano Roosevelt, [*Pearl Harbor Address*](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/fdrpearlharbor.htm)

Epistrophe

* "...and that government of **the people**, by **the people**, for **the people** shall not perish from the earth."

- Abraham Lincoln, [*Gettysburg Address*](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gettysburgaddress.htm) (here delivered by Jeff Daniels)

* "I said you're afraid to bleed. [As] long as the white man sent you to Korea, **you bled**. He sent you to Germany, **you bled**. He sent you to the South Pacific to fight the Japanese, **you bled**. You bleed for white people. But when it comes time to seeing your own churches being bombed and little black girls be[ing] murdered, you haven't got no blood."
* -- Malcolm X, [*Message to the Grassroots*](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/nocirculation/Removed%20for%20Possible%20Copyright%20Infringement/malcolmxgrassroots.htm)

Parallelism/Chiasmus

* "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall **pay any price**, **bear any burden**, **meet any hardship**, **support any friend**, **oppose any foe** to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

-- John F. Kennedy,[*Inaugural Address*](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/jfkinaugural.htm)

* "We have seen the state of our Union in the endurance of rescuers, working past exhaustion.  We've seen **the unfurling of flags**, **the lighting of candles**, **the giving of blood**, **the saying of prayers** -- in English, Hebrew, and Arabic."

George W. Bush, [*9-20-01 Address to the Nation on Terrorism*](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gwbush911jointsessionspeech.htm)

* "...and that government **of the people**, **by the people**, **for the people**, shall not perish from the earth."

-- Abraham Lincoln, [Gettysburg Address](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gettysburgaddress.htm) (here delivered by Jeff Daniels)

Chiasmus

* "You forget what you want to remember, and you remember what you want to forget."  
  (Cormac McCarthy, *The Road*, 2006)
* "In the end, the true test is not the speeches a president delivers; it’s whether the president delivers on the speeches."  
  (Hillary Clinton, March 2008)