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← appositive

Example: Ms. Ibarra, our science teacher, is very helpful.

Rewrite each sentence. Add a nonrestrictive appositive for the underlined antecedent.

1. Shane's first class starts at 8:30.



4. Zoe's lunch looks tasty.

5. There's an assembly tomorrow.

Restrictive appositives add information essential to sentence clarity. They are not offset by commas. Rewrite the sentence by adding a restrictive appositive for the underlined antecedent.

6. We're reading the book in English.

ANSWER KEY

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