

LEVEL 3 - INTRO WORDS AND PHRASES

Directions: Read the following sentences. Then, identify and place the comma in the appropriate place. Then, identify what type of intro opener it is:

Introductory Element	Definition	Examples
Prepositional phrase	Preposition + optional description + noun	<i>at</i> midnight, <i>in</i> Count Dracula's castle, <i>under</i> Fred's nose, <i>on</i> the other hand, etc.
Participle phrase	Verb + <i>ing</i> Verb + <i>ed</i> Irregular form of irregular verb	<i>slurping</i> up the last few drops of the chocolate shake, <i>wheezing</i> like a cat with a hairball, <i>bumped</i> from the list, <i>broken</i> by the news, etc.
Infinitive phrase	<i>To</i> + verb	<i>to avoid</i> being eaten by a Great White shark, <i>to be</i> perfectly honest, <i>to conclude</i> , etc.
Appositive	Noun phrase renaming another noun	the best <i>student</i> in Dr. Wright's biology class, my <i>roommate</i> with the worst table manners, the shyest <i>boy</i> in class, etc.
Noun of direct address	Name of the person or being receiving the information	Ned, Mr. President, Mom, Jo-Jo, etc.
Adverb	Type of modifier, often ends in <i>ly</i>	meanwhile, unfortunately, however, etc.
Subordinate clause	Subordinate conjunction + subject + verb	when the computer began to beep wildly, unless you have heard otherwise, even though I warned him, etc.
Speaker tag	Subject + verb [identifies the speaker of a direct quotation]	Laverne shouted, Dr. Nordstrom stated, my mother asserted, etc.

Adverb

_____ 1. Nevertheless, we went to Cafe Ba Ba Reeba.

Appositive

_____ 2. My graduate instructor, Dr. Welton, nervously laughs all class long.

Speaker tag

_____ 3. Matt told Meg, "Quit verbally abusing me."

Noun

_____ 4. Edmond, your design does not read "Red Carpet".

Adverb

_____ 5. In other words, we are going to be in a lot of trouble.

Infinitive

_____ 6. To be frank, I think you need to get started on your homework.

Adverb

_____ 7. For example, my mother loves puppies.

Prep Phrase

_____ 8. At Northtown, we have approximately 850 students.

Prep Phrase

_____ 9. From 2 until 7 pm, we will hold Parent Teacher Conferences.

Appositive

_____ 10. The principal, Dr Emmett, called some students to the office.

Infinitive

_____ 11. To curb gun violence, we need to have stricter background checks.