

LEVEL 2 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (WORDS & PHRASES)

Directions: Underline the appositive or appositive phrase in each sentence. Then in the blank indicate with E or N whether the underlined segment is essential or nonessential.

1. O. Henry, an author whose real name was William Sydney Porter, became famous.

2. In his story "One Thousand Dollars," he presents an interesting dilemma.

3. Gillian, the hero of the story, does not know how to spend his inheritance.

4. His friend Bryson sighed when Gillian approached him.

5. Bryson's suggestion, one full of sarcasm, did not really help.

Directions: Below are sentences that contain nonessential participial phrases. Select the appropriate punctuation for the underlined portion.

1. The turtle's upper **shell, called the carapace, functions** as a protection against prey.

A shell called the carapace functions

B shell, called the carapace functions

C shell called the carapace, functions

D No change.

2. The common **cockroach associated with disease** runs away when exposed to light.

A cockroach, associated with disease runs

B cockroach associated with disease, runs

C cockroach, associated with disease, runs

D No change.

3. The typical **cockroach, nauseating to home owners,** lives for about a year.

A cockroach nauseating to home owners

B cockroach, nauseating to home owners

C cockroach nauseating to home owners,

D No change.

4. **Parrots considered the most intelligent of birds** can mimic human speech.

A Parrots, considered the most intelligent of birds can

B Parrots, considered the most intelligent of birds, can

C Parrots considered the most intelligent of birds, can

D No change.