

LEVEL 3 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (WORDS & PHRASES)

DIRECTIONS: Use your notes to help you! Place commas in the following sentences. Then categorize the following sentences as essential or nonessential. If you get stuck, ask yourself the questions listed below.

>>Does this information change the meaning of the sentence, or does it simply add more detail?

>>Would the sentence make sense if this information were missing?

1. My son the policeman will be visiting us next week. _____
2. Mrs. Sears showing more bravery than wisdom hosted her daughter's birthday party. _____
3. The ship's carpenters assembled the dinghy a large rowboat last night. _____
4. The student left in charge of the class was unable to keep order. _____
5. Walter attached to his mother enjoys being spoiled. _____

DIRECTIONS: Insert the commas into the following sentences. Then, identify if the nonessential is an **appositive** or a **participial**.

6. Paul Newman one of the greatest actors directed only one picture. _____
7. Elizabeth Teague a sweet and lovable girl grew up to be a successful woman. _____
8. Karen's father starting out as an army officer was frequently transferred. _____
9. Applicants must investigate colleges learning as much as possible before applying. _____
10. The crying boy angered by the bully began to fight. _____

DIRECTIONS: Use your notes to help you! Identify nonessential appositives and nonessential participials in the following paragraph. ***These elements might be in the form of Intro Elements!**

Standing on the edge of the darkened corner Louie hesitated. He was late again, and he knew his mom would take away his cell phone if he came home late one more time. Louie glanced over at the house of Mr. Nelson the next door neighbor. He would have to creep under Mr. Nelson's window to sneak in his own house. Louie pulled his hoodie over his head, and he started tiptoeing home. Ducking under Mr. Nelson's window he heard a low growl, a dull thunk, and a sharp, muffled cry. Louie froze. He never liked Mr. Nelson a cop who always had an angry look on his face. Louie waited until he heard Mr. Nelson's footsteps move away from the window before sneaking around to the backdoor of his own house. Walking in the back door Louie wondered what Mr. Nelson had been doing.