



## ACT/SAT Concepts: Sentence Interruptions (Appositives, etc.)

The ACT/SAT love to test your knowledge of punctuation by inserting phrases that interrupt the flow of a sentence. Just know that these mid-sentence interrupting phrases need to be separated from the rest of the sentence by either two commas or two em dashes (but NOT one of each).

On the ACT/SAT, these sentence interruptions basically do three things: insert a personal opinion, give a definition, or give a person's biographical information.

### Inserting personal opinion

Legend has it, if legend can be believed, that if you jump into the lake on January 1<sup>st</sup>, you will have good luck all year.

The coach - who is not my favorite person - and his team arrived to the party 15 minutes late.

### Definitions

Wireless routers, devices that are a combination of Wi-Fi, a router, and a network switch, come with a variety of data-transfer speeds, typically ranging from AC1200 to AC7200 for most homes.

Having a document camera - a device which projects an image in real-time on a screen - is helpful in teaching reading passages.

### Biographical information

Byron Washington - lead cardiologist at the local hospital - stated that Americans have too much salt in their diets.

The construction project was not visibly making progress, but Martavius Grey, lead project engineer at the work site, assured us it would be completed on time and under budget.

### **YOUR TURN:** Underline the interrupting phrase

I went to the ENT a doctor who specializes in the ears, nose, and throat area to get my vocal chords examined, and fortunately they are okay.

I find that singing if that's what you want to call it always puts me in a better mood.

Destiny's mother a BSN who works at a family practice thinks you may have strep.

Wearables bluetooth- or internet-connected smart devices that can be worn are quickly becoming their own industry.

During the football game, the back judge one who keeps track of the game clock failed to notice time had expired before the quarterback snapped the ball.

Lyman Gage Secretary of the Treasury under Presidents McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt was a strong proponent of the Gold Standard.