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# The Mind-Benders of the Comma World

### Tools:

1. after an intro. word, phrase, or clause
2. around a NE phrase or clause
3. between parts of dates and addresses
4. between items in a series
5. comma & conjunction to join 2 sentences
6. between adjectives before a noun
7. around interrupters
  - A. direct address
  - B. parenthetical expression
  - C. appositive

Check: Is  
last blank in  
# 2 clear

**Challenge #1:** Intro Contrary to popular opinion, PE Tom Smith, not Tom Smithers, Appositive will lead the Snickers, our comic drama club, dates + address into the competition at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Intro this year; Series however, Ted, Sarah, and Susan will present comic Comma + Conj skits, and Samantha between adj will serve as moderator, which reveals the eclectic, talented NE depth of our student body. Rules: 1 7B 7C 3 1 4 5 2 6

**Challenge #2:** Intro Yes, Tom, direct address although your paper is late, Intro I will not give you a late NE penalty, which is usually mandatory, since you have been in Appositive St. Mary's, our local hospital; betw. adj repeated, irresponsible tardiness, PE however, will not be condoned, and you will be assigned Series work duty, detention, or community service betw. adj for future, repeated infractions. Rules: 1 7A 1 2 7C 6 7B 5 4 6

**Challenge #3:** Appositive The murder weapon, a rare, exotic betw. adj poison from the jungles of Africa, was undetected by the forensic team, which NE complicated the investigation at our Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, FBI office and caused, PE consequently, a rare backlash of public protest: dates + address (demonstrations in front of the building, hate mail on our computers, and Series vicious, defamatory editorials in the newspapers!) Rules: 7C 6 2 3 7B 4 6

**Challenge #4:** Intro Running close behind his competitor, Tom Smithers, Appositive our strongest, most talented track team member, PE realized that it would be strategy, not speed, that would win the race for him; Intro consequently, he positioned himself in the second-place spot, where he could take advantage of the same wind-drag that you, direct address John, should try to emulate when you run at states NE on April 21, 2011. Rules: 1 7C 6 7B 1 2 7A 3