

Murdock: English

Grammar Fun Puzzle #5: LEBRON

Due: AT THE START OF CLASS, *NOT ACCEPTED LATE* → M., Nov. 16th (1–4 pds.); T., Nov. 17th (5–7 pds.)

*Add the missing punctuation and correct any spelling errors. No words should be eliminated or switched around.
How many punctuation and spelling corrections? 25.*

LeBron James and Buzz Bissingers *Shooting Stars* is not just another athlete memoir. James who appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated when he was just seventeen (tagline: “The Chosen One”), had his high school games nationally televised on ESPN and was drafted number one out of high school in 2003 by the Cleveland Cavaliers. Bissinger is a Pulitzer Prize winner whose book *Friday Night Lights* has sold almost two million copies, and has since been made into a film and a TV series.

In *Shooting Stars* James and Bissinger tell the story of James’ youth basketball team a group of underprivileged Akron, Ohio boys who started playing together in the Amateur Athletic Union’s eleven and under division riding in minivans to faraway tournaments and wound up national high-school champions playing to packed arenas and wearing sponsor provided sneakers. James and four of his teammates were recruited to play at St. Vincent–St. Mary, a mostly white Catholic private school where they eventually became known as the “Fab Five”

BTW: a link to the article excerpted above is posted on the handouts section of [twenty-six.wikispaces.com](http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/books/2009/11/the-exchange-buzz-bissinger.html); the URL is:
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II: The return of the appositive:

An appositive is a noun phrase that tells you something about a nearby noun or pronoun. In each sentence below, the appositive is in italics.

1. Lincoln, *a tall man from the backwoods of Illinois*, is the subject of thousands of books.
2. I must listen to music – *Boston, Led Zeppelin, Yes, U2* – while I exercise.
3. Sam had to cut many luxuries when he lost his job: Netflix, HBO, eating at fancy restaurants, and Chargers season tickets.
4. My dog *Rover* ate three pizzas at Papa John’s last night.

Your turn: *using the above as models, write sentences containing appositives. Be sure to model the number sentence indicated in the box.*

Model #1 – appositive set off with commas

Model #2 – appositive set off with dashes

Model #3 – appositive set off with a colon

Model #4 – appositive *not* set off with punctuation

