

Keeping in mind that sentence combining is one effective approach of an array of many interventions in a wider language arts curriculum, the goal should always be that sentence combining comprises a process of guided practice toward empowering students, particularly ELL students, in becoming independent writers, readers, and thinkers in academic and real-life environments

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**FREE STUDY ITEM # 4**  
**SENTENCE COMBINING WITH APPOSITIVE PHRASES**  
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**DIRECTIONS:** Read each of the following sets of sentences carefully. Construct a new sentence for each set, so that one of the sentences in each set becomes an appositive phrase. You may need to make other changes in order for your new sentences to be grammatically and logically smooth and correct. Remember to use the **COPS** rubric as you revise and edit your sentences.

1. Charlotte Amalie is the capital city in St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands.  
Charlotte Amalie has a beautiful harbor.  
Many cruise ships bring tourists from all over the world.  
(Begin with **Charlotte Amalie**. / Change the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence to an appositive phrase. / **where**)

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2. Kelsey Grammer is a six-time Emmy-winning American actor.  
Kelsey Grammer is a two-time Golden Globe-winning American actor.  
Kelsey Grammer was born in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.  
(Begin with **Kelsey Grammer**. / Combine the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sentences into one appositive phrase.)

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3. The Arawaks are a Native American tribe.  
The tribe is of the Caribbean.  
The Arawaks are credited with beginning barbecue techniques.  
The Arawaks fabricated grills with native green sticks.  
The native green sticks were called "barbacoa."  
(Begin with **the Arawaks**. / Change the first sentence to an appositive phrase. / Make a prepositional phrase beginning with **by**. / Change **fabricated** to a gerund.)

ANSWER KEY:

1. Charlotte Amalie, the capital city in St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands, has a beautiful harbor, where many cruise ships bring tourists from all over the world.
2. Kelsey Grammer, a six-time Emmy and a two-time Golden Globe-winning American actor, was born in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.
3. The Arawaks, a Native American tribe of the Caribbean, are credited with beginning barbecue techniques, by fabricating grills with native green sticks called "barbacoa."