
Learning Target

- Use parallel structure.
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Parallelism is the use of similar grammatical forms or sentence structures to balance and emphasize related ideas in a sentence or passage. Using parallelism helps readers and listeners understand that ideas are related and can make your writing and speech more sophisticated and compelling.

parallel words	The cat was hissing, spitting, and clawing . Loyalty, kindness, and generosity are wonderful traits in a friend.
parallel phrases	They journeyed over land, across water, and through wilderness . Say hello to your new neighborhood, to your new school, and to your new classmates .
parallel clauses	We awoke early, we made breakfast, and we packed our backpacks . Lucie said that she would paint the set, Marc would build the puppets, and Jackson would hang the lights .

Check Your Understanding: Correcting and Using Parallel Structure

- A. Each of the following sentences contains nonparallel structures. Revise each sentence to make it parallel.
1. News topics include advances in technology, reports on the economy, and that there are negotiations on policy.
 2. I guess Ava will head to band practice, she will go home to work on her essay, or staying to help with the food drive is what she will be doing.
 3. That plan won't work because it costs too much, takes too long, and it involves too many team members.

B. Write sentences using the following sentence starters. Make sure you use parallel grammatical structures to express related ideas.

1. The best strategies for making good grades include *[list at least three parallel items]*

2. If I could go anywhere in the world today, I would *[list at least three parallel items]*

3. If I could have any three wishes granted today, one for myself and one for each of two friends, I would wish *[list at least three parallel items]*