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Directions: In the exercise that follows, you will need to determine whether the sentences have a parallel structure. To maintain parallelism, you need to list items with the same grammatical structure: Sylvia asked to borrow, and . Sylvia needs, and. An error occurs when the grammatical structure of one or more items does not match others like this: Sylvia asked to borrow, and . Sylvia needs, and. To track your responses, print the accompanying handout. If you are not sure which option to make, read the rules. Don't bark in the wrong tree! Start here. Introduction • Terms • Exercise • MOOC • Handout • Presentations • Videos • Rules • About • Store • Feedback ©1997 - 2019 by Robin L. SimmonsAll rights reserved, valid html Related parts of a sentence, such as items in a series, must be presented in parallel. Fix the nonparallel elements in the following sentences: 1. She was a healthy, wealthy, and regular reader of my column. Reply 2. He was handsome, brave and the kind of person who would do anything for you. Reply 4. Falling trees are more likely to fail branches and die prematurely. Reply 5. In the construction phase of the facility, trees are often injured by trenching, blacktopping, changing classes, and heavy machinery. Reply 6. Recreational users cause many wounds by pounding nails into trees, lantern burns, and damaging their roots with vehicles and heavy equipment. Reply 7. Declaring sustainability an objective is one thing; commissioning was an elusive target. Reply 8. The room was beautiful, service flawless, and I've never tasted better food in my entire life. Reply 9 May 2006 You are not only responsible for organising the conference, but we also want you to present the keynote speaker. Reply 10 June 2006 To assess your effectiveness as a writer, consider whether your message with clarity, emphasis, precision and style. 2. Uses the variety in the structure of the sentence for good stylistic effect. 3. It provides an organised, coherent, logical, insightful development of the subject. 4. Supports your highlights with concrete, detailed, compelling examples and illustrations. 5. You will not commit any significant errors in grammar, usage, spelling and punctuation. Answer If you see this message, it means that we're having trouble loading external resources on our website. If you're behind a web filter, make sure that \*.kastatic.org and \*.kasandbox.org are unblocked. (Before doing the workout, you may want to read a lesson on parallelism) You may also be interested in: Parallelism: definition, examples and rules Custom Pedagogical unit: Parallel structure copyright 2004 Margaret L. Benner All Rights Reserved. Sentence elements that are similar in construction. These elements should be in the same grammatical form in order to be parallel. Using a parallel structure in your writing will help with 1) economy 2) clarity 3) equality 4) joy. Here are some examples of parallel used in a sentence, create a spectacular effect and produce writing with vague emphasis and meaning. We call this a flawed parallelism. Writers generally use parallelism as a technique in the next five ways. 1. Elements connected by the coordination of the coupling, in particular and, but, and or. Examples of parallel words Examples of parallel phrases Examples of parallel clauses Examples below show how to fix a faulty parallel. Example #1 Example #2 Click the link below to complete the parallel work with coordinates. Reference to exercise 1 2. Use a parallel structure with elements in lists or series. A series is a group of three or more elements in a series. The last element in the series is associated with the other with one of the following coordination links: a, or, but (not) or not yet (not). Commas should be placed between each element of the series and in front of the coordinating coupling. Examples of series As the examples below show, a series whose components are not in parallel format sounds uncomfortable and may cause a misunderstanding. Example #1 Example #2 Note that in the corrected versions of the #2, you can choose to repeat it or throw it away. Click on the link below to complete the exercise on the parallels with the elements in the series.. Reference to exercise 2 3. Use a parallel structure with the elements being compared. (X is more than / better than Y) When we compare things, we often use words like more, less, better and worse, we combine items that compare with words like and how. Note the comparison methods in the examples below. The elements compared are parallel to each other: the ride is parallel to Miriam's flying ability is parallel to her determination as you live, it is parallel to how much money you make Comparing items without using a parallel structure can wreak havoc on what is compared to what. Correct erroneous parallels compared by taking one element of comparison in parallel with the other. Note that you can choose to change any element so that the complete the exercise on a parallel structure with the elements in comparison. Reference to exercise 3. 4. Use a parallel structure with elements connected by a connecting verb or verb of being. Combining elements with a verb or verbs link indicates that the first item has been completed by the second item. Equality between the two countries is often in fact achieved, as illustrated by the examples below. Correct a faulty parallel with linking verbs or verbs of being by taking one element of the equation parallel to the other. Click on the link below to complete the exercise on a parallel structure with linking verbs or verbs of being. Reference to exercise 4. 5. Use a parallel structure with elements connected by a correlation link. These are the main correlation couplings: either/or neither/nor both/not only/but also correlation clutches work in pairs. Regardless of the grammatical structure that follows the other. Examples with either/or neither/nor examples with both/and examples not only/but also correct erroneous parallelities with correlation connections by having one structure parallel to the other as below screenshot shown. With either/or with neither/nor with both/and not only/but also a reference to exercise 5 remember: Parallelism in sentence construction helps create economics, rhythm, emphasis and clarity in your writing. Use this writing technique to your advantage! Now you've reached the end of this self-teaching unit. To find out how well you have learned methods for recognizing and correcting parallelism errors, fill in the POST TEST. Link to post test. Test.

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