

PARALLEL STRUCTURE PRACTICE - WORKSHEET 1

Practice 1: Edit these sentences to create parallel structure.

1. Mike likes to listen to rock music and reading mystery novels.
2. Julia is in charge of stocking the shelves, writing orders, and to sell computers.
3. My grandfather's favorite pastime is to eat in trendy restaurants and visiting art galleries.
4. While in France, my nephew spent his time studying French, working in a restaurant, and he jogged along the Seine River every morning.
5. Joan decided to paint her office, to add some new curtains, and that the rug needs dry cleaning.

Practice 2: Complete the sentences with parallel structure.

1. With no job, money or _____, the student had to drop out of school.
2. Because I used a computer to write my research paper, I could easily correct spelling errors, move paragraphs and _____.
3. While I was in college, I worked as a waitress, as a typist, and _____.
4. The professor walked through the door, looked at the students, and _____.
5. I was surprised to learn that, in person, the lead singer of 2PM was warm, friendly and _____.

Practice 3: Rewrite the sentences and fix non-parallel elements. Combine sentences, if necessary.

1. He was handsome, brave, and the sort of person who would do anything for you.
2. I was afraid of the river. It had a fast current, big waves and it was cold.
3. That high school has many rules. Students need to wear uniforms, arrive before 8am and they cannot bring their Smartphone to school.
4. The room was beautiful, the service was impeccable, and I've never tasted better food in my entire life.
5. Being a nurse is a good career because of the high salary, vacations and schedules.
6. It is dangerous to be living in this world today because of war, unemployment and not enough money.
7. Cooking and eating at home is a good idea for students because it is saves time, money and it is easy to do.

ANSWERS

Practice 1: Edit these sentences to create parallel structure.

1. Mike likes to listen to rock music and reading mystery novels.
 - Mike likes to listen to rock music and **read** mystery novels.

2. Julia is in charge of stocking the shelves, writing orders, and to sell computers.
 - Julia is in charge of stocking the shelves, writing orders, and **selling** computers.

3. My grandfather's favorite pastime is to eat in trendy restaurants and visiting art galleries.
 - My grandfather's favorite pastime is **eating** in trendy restaurants and visiting art galleries.

4. While in France, my nephew spent his time studying French, working in a restaurant, and he jogged along the Seine River every morning.
 - While in France, my nephew spent his time studying French, working in a restaurant, and **jogging** along the Seine River every morning.

5. Joan decided to paint her office, to add some new curtains, and that the rug needs dry cleaning.
 - Joan decided to paint her office, add some new curtains, and **dry clean** the rug.

Practice 2: Complete the sentences with parallel structure (possible answers).

1. With no job, money or _____ , the student had to drop out of school.
 - With no job, money or **hope**, the student had to drop out of school.

2. Because I used a computer to write my research paper, I could easily correct spelling errors, move paragraphs and _____ .
 - Because I used a computer to write my research paper, I could easily correct spelling errors, move paragraphs and **insert pictures**.

3. While I was in college, I worked as a waitress, as a typist, and _____ .
 - While I was in college, I worked as a waitress, as a typist, and **a tutor**.

4. The professor walked through the door, looked at the students, and _____ .
 - The professor walked through the door, looked at the students, and **turned on the computer**.

5. I was surprised to learn that, in person, the lead singer of 2PM was warm, friendly and _____ .
 - I was surprised to learn that, in person, the lead singer of 2PM was warm, friendly and **funny** .

Practice 3: Rewrite the sentences and fix the non-parallel elements. Combine into one sentence, if necessary.

1. He was handsome, brave, and the sort of person who would do anything for you.
 - He was handsome, brave, and **generous**.

2. I was afraid of the river. It had a fast current, big waves and it was cold.
 - I was afraid of the river **because of its** fast current, big waves and **cold water**.

3. That high school has many rules. Students need to wear uniforms, arrive before 8am and they can't bring their Smartphone to school.
 - That high school has many rules. Students need to wear uniforms, arrive before 8am and **leave their Smart phones at home**.

4. The room was beautiful, the service was impeccable, and I've never tasted better food in my entire life.
 - The room was beautiful, the service was impeccable, and **the food was amazing, maybe the best food I've ever eaten**.

5. Being a nurse is a good career because of the high salary, vacations and schedules.
 - Being a nurse is a good career because of the high salary, **long** vacations and **flexible** schedules.

6. It is dangerous to be living in this world today because of war, unemployment and not enough money.
 - It is dangerous to be living in this world today because of war, unemployment and **poverty**.

7. Cooking and eating at home is a good idea for students because it is saves time, money and it is easy to do.
 - Cooking and eating at home is a good idea for students because it is saves time, money and **energy**.