

Parallelism & Dual Phrases



Look for parallelism problems
within DUAL PHRASES such as:

... but ...
... of ...
... than ...
both ... and ...
either ... or ...
neither ... nor ...
not only ... but also ...

Incorrect: The last few years have seen a sharp decline not only
in crop production but also textiles that are manufactured.

Problem: 'Textiles that are manufactured' is not in parallel form with
'in crop production'.

Correct: The last few years have seen a sharp decline not only
in crop production but also in textile manufacturing.



Tip:

When checking for parallelism, make sure that prepositions (like 'in')
are also parallel.