

ELA Virtual Learning Composition and Reading 2

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Lesson: April 15, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

Students will be able to use parallel structure in their writing to create a well balanced sentence.

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Record your answers to the following questions on a piece of paper.

- 1) Say the sentences in the box to the right out loud. What do you notice about the structure of the sentences?
- 2) What do you think makes these sentences so powerful?

- 1) "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." (John F. Kennedy)
- 2) To be or not to be....
(Shakespeare)
- 3) I came, I saw, I conquered
(Julius Caesar)

Learn: What is parallel structure?

Parallel Structure is the use of repeating words, phrases, clauses, grammatical structures, or tenses to create a rhythm in writing.

Used to connect ideas to show similarities, or differences

Word Examples:

I have a dream that one day this nation ...
I have a dream that one day on the red...
I have a dream that one day even the ...
(Martin Luther King Jr.)

Phrases:

The group traveled **by bus, by plane, and by car.** (**prepositional phrases**)

Tenses: We **ate, talked, and laughed** all night.
(**past tense verbs**)

Fixing Parallel Structure

Watch the video linked below. As you watch, take notes on your paper.

Parallel Structure: What to watch for -

The video will present 1 sentence.
With each sentence, write down the following:

- 1) A. What was wrong with each sentence?

B. How was the sentence fixed?

Notes From Video

- 1) A. Sincerely/ with passion = adverb and prepositional phrase
B. changed to sincerely/ passionately = 2 adverbs
- 2) A. Messy, noisy, and it was crowded = 2 adjectives, and one phrase
B. changed to messy, noisy, and crowded = 3 adjectives
- 3) A. In his bedroom, the sofa, on the kitchen counter = 2 prepositional phrases, one noun
B. change to in his bedroom, under the sofa, on the kitchen counter = 3 prepositional phrases.

Practice

Directions:

- 1) Click on this link. [Practice Using Parallel Structure](#)
- 2) This practice is interactive. Each sentence will have 3 options. Choose the option that makes the sentence parallel.
- 3) Complete Exercise 3, 4 and 5. There are 20 questions for each section.
- 4) Exercise 4 will begin after you complete exercise 3.
- 5) If you get the answer wrong, read the explanation, go back, and try again.
- 6) Exercise 5 requires you fill in the blank. This means that you will have the information, and you will format it correctly so that it is parallel.