

PARALLELISM

Utilizing consistent grammatical structures

What is Parallelism?



- Parallelism is the use of the same structure in a list of two or more items.
- We must use matching grammatical structures.
- Incorrect Example:
 - ▣ I love cooking, swimming, and to read.
- Correct Example:
 - ▣ I love *cooking, swimming, and reading*.

Examples

- Nouns: I like to read *books, magazines, and blogs*.
- Verb forms: Over the weekend I *read, swam, and hiked*.
- Adjectives: It is *cloudy, windy, and cold* today.
- Phrases or clauses: *Martina cares about her professional life as much as she cares about her social life.*

Check and Correct

- ❑ Marta's daughter, Fran, adores math, grammar, and ~~practicing~~ spelling.
- ❑ She loves reading, writing, and ~~to~~ doing math problems.
- ❑ She is both talented and ~~has~~ motivated.
- ❑ For Fran, reading is more fun than ~~to~~ playing outside.
- ❑ Fran cares about her grades as much as she cares about her friends. Correct!

Summary

- Sentences require parallel structure
 - ▣ Series of two or more nouns, verbs, adjectives, phrases, or clauses
- Correct parallelism
 - ▣ Rephrase sentences
 - ▣ Check to be sure grammatical structures are matching