



Parallel Structure

Parallel structure organizes items by their grammatical form. Items in the list must be all nouns, all adjectives, all infinitives, all prepositional phrases, all gerunds, or all clauses.

Example: Tony likes *to eat*, *to drink*, and *to play*.

PRACTICE

Using parallel structure, add a word or phrase to finish each list.

Example: to talk, to run, and to sing

1. to listen, to speak, and _____
2. sleeping, rocking, and _____
3. teachers, parents, and _____
4. dog, cat, and _____



Rewrite each sentence to show parallel structure.

Example: Benny sings, dances, and likes to act.

Benny sings, dances, and acts.

1. Greg and Joe watched television, ate pizza, and went out to play football.

2. Amanda woke up, got dressed, and ran down the street to catch the bus.

3. The old house's windows were full of cracks, dirty, and broken.

4. The bicycle has large wheels, a seat that is big, and tall handlebars.

5. Make sure you stir the mixture, pour it into the pan, and are careful in smoothing it out.

6. The peacock's feathers were bright, shiny, and longer than most bird feathers.

WRITE ON!

On a separate sheet of paper, tell about items you would buy at a store. Make sure that the items in the list are in the same grammatical form.