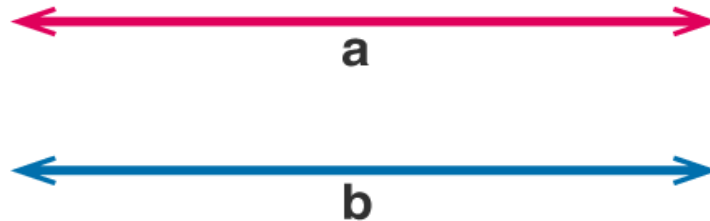


## What is Parallel Construction?

- \* **Parallel ideas** must be presented in **parallel grammatical form**.
- \* Parallel grammatical form or parallel construction means that **each part of a sentence uses the same grammatical structure**.
- \* You need to use the same pattern of words to show that two or more ideas have **the same level of importance**.



## 1. And/or:

**Incorrect:** *The production manager was asked to write his report **quickly, accurately, and in a detailed manner.***

**Correct:** *The production manager was asked to write his report **quickly, accurately, and thoroughly.***

**Incorrect:** *Sajad likes **hiking, swimming, or to ride** a bicycle.*

**Correct:** *Sajad likes **hiking, swimming, or riding** a bicycle.*

**Incorrect:** *The company is looking for a candidate who is **friendly, organized, meticulous, and is going to arrive to work on time.***

**Correct:** *The company is looking for a candidate who is **friendly, organized, meticulous, and punctual.***

## 2. Between and And:

**Incorrect:** *We debated the difference **between** **the weather in Kurdistan in the winter** **and** ~~how hot it is in the summer~~.*

**Correct:** *We debated the difference **between** **the weather in Kurdistan in the winter** **and** **the weather in Kurdistan in the summer**.*

**Incorrect:** *There is a great deal of difference **between** **the eager man who wants to read a book** **and** ~~reading a book~~.*

**Correct:** *There is a great deal of difference **between** **the eager man who wants to read a book** **and** **the tired man who wants a book to read**.*

**Incorrect:** *The negotiations **between** the ~~businessman~~ **and** **management** have broken down.*

**Correct:** *The negotiations **between** the **business** **and** **management** have broken down.*

### 3. Both and And

**Incorrect:** *The films were enjoyable **both to watch** and ~~discuss~~.*

**Correct:** *The films were enjoyable **both to watch** and **to discuss**.*

**Incorrect:** ***Both Iran** and ~~Turkish~~ agree on the treaty.*

**Correct:** ***Both Iran** and **Turkey** agree on the treaty.*

**Incorrect:** *The students were **both taking online classes** and ~~do assignments~~.*

**Correct:** *The students were **both taking online classes** and **doing assignments**.*

## 4. Neither and Nor; Either and Or

**Incorrect:** *Neither the responses to the questionnaire nor ~~what we asked on the survey~~ were answered.*

**Correct:** *Neither the responses to the questionnaire nor the responses to the survey were appropriate.*

**Incorrect:** *Neither Hadis nor ~~the individuals working with her~~ attended the meeting.*

**Correct:** *Neither Hadis nor her colleagues attended the meeting.*

**Incorrect:** *Mitra either sends the reports herself or ~~her classmates~~.*

**Correct:** *Mitra either sends the reports herself or asks her classmates to send them.*

**Incorrect:** *Mobina planned to collect data by either using an online survey or ~~phone interviews~~.*

**Correct:** *Mobina planned to collect data by either using an online survey or conducting phone interviews.*

## 5. Not Only and But Also

**Incorrect:** *It was surprising **not only that the house sold**, but also ~~it sold well~~ over the asking price.*

**Correct:** *It was surprising **not only that the house sold** , but also **that it sold well** over the asking price.*

**Incorrect:** *Amir Ali **not only entered the competition** , but also ~~the event~~!*

**Correct:** *Amir Ali **not only entered the competition** , but also **won it**!*

**Incorrect:** *The war caused **not only destruction and death**, but also ~~making generations of hatred~~.*

**Correct:** *The war caused **not only destruction and death**, but also **generations of hatred**.*

## 6. Parallel Construction in a Series

Sentences with series or lists require particular attention to parallel construction.

**Incorrect:** *The students were **unprepared**, **poorly behaved**, **and disrupted the class**.*

**Correct:** *The students were **underprepared**, **poorly behaved**, **and disruptive**.*

**Incorrect:** *The report card stated **that the student often talked in class**, **that he bullied other students**, **and rarely finished his homework**.*

**Correct:** *The report card stated **that the student often talked in class**, **that he bullied other students**, **and that he rarely finished his homework**.*

**Correct:** *Mohammad Amin's main duties were **answering phone calls**, **filing records**, **and to conduct visitor surveys**.*

**Incorrect:** *Mohammad Amin's main duties were **answering phone calls**, **filing records**, **and conducting visitor surveys**.*