

PARALLEL STRUCTURE PRACTICE - WORKSHEET 1

Practice 1: Edit these sentences to create parallel structure.

1. Mike likes to listen to rock music and to read mystery novels.
~~Mike likes to listen to rock music and reading mystery novels.~~
2. Julia is in charge of stocking the shelves, writing orders, and selling computers.
~~Julia is in charge of stocking the shelves, writing orders, and to sell computers.~~
3. My grandfather's favorite pastime is to eat in trendy restaurants and to visit art galleries.
~~My grandfather's favorite pastime is to eat in trendy restaurants and visiting art galleries.~~
4. While in France, my nephew spent his time studying French, working in a restaurant and jogging along the Seine River every morning.
~~While in France, my nephew spent his time studying French, working in a restaurant, and he jogged along the Seine River every morning.~~
5. Joan decided to paint her office, to add some new curtains and to dry clean the rug.
~~Joan decided to paint her office, to add some new curtains, and that the rug needs dry cleaning.~~

Practice 2: Complete the sentences with parallel structure.

1. With no job, money or subsidy the student had to drop out of school.
2. Because I used a computer to write my research paper, I could easily correct spelling errors, move paragraphs and add bibliography
3. While I was in college, I worked as a waitress, as a typist, and as a librarian
4. The professor walked through the door, looked at the students, and turned on the computer
5. I was surprised to learn that, in person, the lead singer of 2PM was warm, friendly and kind.

Practice 3: Rewrite the sentences and fix non-parallel elements. Combine sentences, if necessary.

1. He was handsome, brave, and the sort of person who would do anything for you.
~~He was handsome, brave and helpful.~~
2. I was afraid of the river, which had fast currents, big waves and cold water.
~~I was afraid of the river. It had a fast current, big waves and it was cold.~~
3. That high school has many rules, including wearing uniforms, arriving before 8am and not bringing their Smartphone to school.
~~That high school has many rules. Students need to wear uniforms, arrive before 8am and they cannot bring their Smartphone to school.~~
4. I've never met the beautiful room, impeccable service and delicious food.
~~The room was beautiful, the service was impeccable, and I've never tasted better food in my entire life.~~
5. Nurse is a good career because of the salaries, vacations and schedules.
~~Being a nurse is a good career because of the high salary, vacations and schedules.~~
6. It is dangerous to be living in this world today because of war, unemployment and poverty.
~~It is dangerous to be living in this world today because of war, unemployment and not enough money.~~
7. Cooking and eating at home is a good idea for students because it saves time, money and energy.
~~Cooking and eating at home is a good idea for students because it is saves time, money and it is easy to do.~~