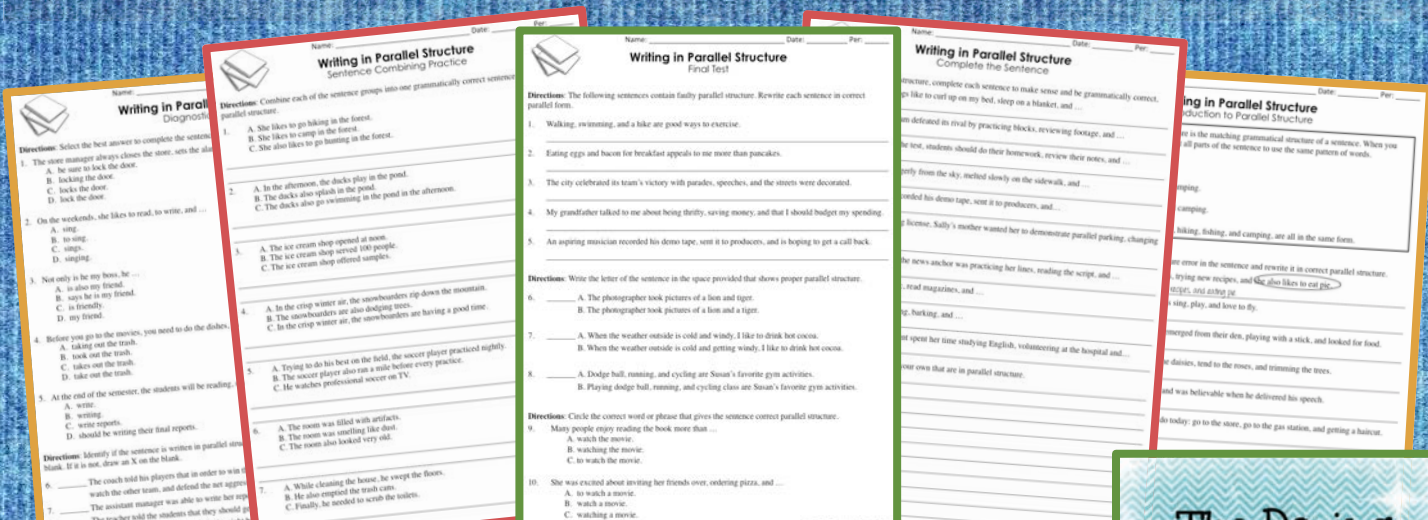




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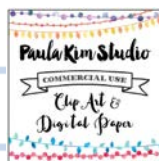
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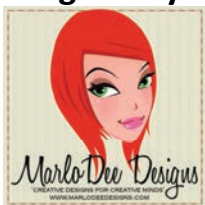
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Diagnostic Test

Directions: Select the best answer to complete the sentence in parallel structure.

1. The store manager always closes the store, sets the alarm, and ...
 - A. be sure to lock the door.
 - B. locking the door.
 - C. locks the door.
 - D. lock the door.
2. On the weekends, she likes to read, to write, and ...
 - A. sing.
 - B. to sing.
 - C. sings.
 - D. singing.
3. Not only is he my boss, he ...
 - A. is also my friend.
 - B. says he is my friend.
 - C. is friendly.
 - D. my friend.
4. Before you go to the movies, you need to do the dishes, vacuum the floor, and ...
 - A. taking out the trash.
 - B. took out the trash.
 - C. takes out the trash.
 - D. take out the trash.
5. At the end of the semester, the students will be reading, studying, and ...
 - A. write.
 - B. writing.
 - C. write reports.
 - D. should be writing their final reports.

Directions: Identify if the sentence is written in parallel structure. If the sentence is parallel, write P on the blank. If it is not, draw an X on the blank.

6. _____ The coach told his players that in order to win the game they needed to pay attention to the ball, watch the other team, and defend the net aggressively.
7. _____ The assistant manager was able to write her report quickly, accurately, and in a detailed manner.
8. _____ The teacher told the students that they should get a lot of sleep, that they should eat a good breakfast, and that they should study the night before the exam.
9. _____ Jennifer likes to go swimming, to go fishing, and hiking.
10. _____ In order to submit your ballot, you must sign your name, seal the envelope, and don't forget to keep the receipt.

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Introduction to Parallel Structure

Parallel Structure: Parallel structure is the matching grammatical structure of a sentence. When you write in parallel structure, you want all parts of the sentence to use the same pattern of words.

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Notice that in the parallel sentence, hiking, fishing, and camping, are all in the same form.

➡ Part 1

Directions: Circle the parallel structure error in the sentence and rewrite it in correct parallel structure.

Example: Mary likes baking cookies, trying new recipes, and she also likes to eat pie.

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1. When the sun rises, the blue birds sing, play, and love to fly.

2. After hibernation, the bear cubs emerged from their den, playing with a stick, and looked for food.

3. The gardeners and I will water the daisies, tend to the roses, and trimming the trees.

4. The student brilliantly, cleverly, and was believable when he delivered his speech.

5. There are many things I need to do today: go to the store, go to the gas station, and getting a haircut.

➡ Part 2

Directions: Complete the missing part of the sentence so that it is written in correct parallel structure.

Example: The firefighters bravely, honestly, and willingly fight fires.

1. When it rains, many people wear raincoats, use umbrellas, and _____.
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Complete the Sentence

Directions: Using parallel structure, complete each sentence to make sense and be grammatically correct,

1. On chilly days, my dogs like to curl up on my bed, sleep on a blanket, and ...

2. The girls basketball team defeated its rival by practicing blocks, reviewing footage, and ...

3. In order to do well on the test, students should do their homework, review their notes, and ...

4. The snowflakes fell gingerly from the sky, melted slowly on the sidewalk, and ...

5. An aspiring musician recorded his demo tape, sent it to producers, and...

6. Before getting her driving license, Sally's mother wanted her to demonstrate parallel parking, changing lanes, and ...

7. Before going on live TV, the news anchor was practicing her lines, reading the script, and ...

8. She likes to listen to music, read magazines, and ...

9. The excited dog was running, barking, and ...

10. The foreign exchange student spent her time studying English, volunteering at the hospital and...

Directions: Write 5 sentences of your own that are in parallel structure.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



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Sentence Combining Practice

Directions: Combine each of the sentence groups into one grammatically correct sentence that is written in parallel structure.

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Final Test



Directions: The following sentences contain faulty parallel structure. Rewrite each sentence in correct parallel form.

1. Walking, swimming, and a hike are good ways to exercise.

2. Eating eggs and bacon for breakfast appeals to me more than pancakes.

3. The city celebrated its team's victory with parades, speeches, and the streets were decorated.

4. My grandfather talked to me about being thrifty, saving money, and that I should budget my spending.

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Directions: Write the letter of the sentence in the space provided that shows proper parallel structure.

6. _____ A. The photographer took pictures of a lion and tiger.
B. The photographer took pictures of a lion and a tiger.
7. _____ A. When the weather outside is cold and windy, I like to drink hot cocoa.
B. When the weather outside is cold and getting windy, I like to drink hot cocoa.
8. _____ A. Dodge ball, running, and cycling are Susan's favorite gym activities.
B. Playing dodge ball, running, and cycling class are Susan's favorite gym activities.

Directions: Circle the correct word or phrase that gives the sentence correct parallel structure.

9. Many people enjoy reading the book more than ...
A. watch the movie.
B. watching the movie.
C. to watch the movie.
10. She was excited about inviting her friends over, ordering pizza, and ...
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ANSWER KEYS

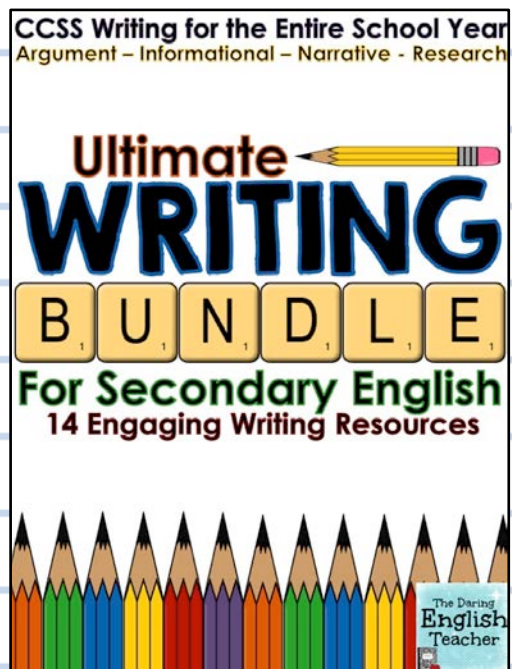
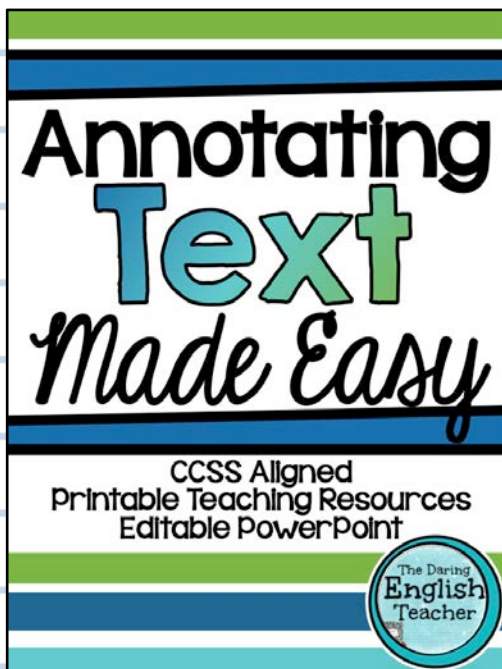
Diagnostic Test Answer Key

1. C
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4. D
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6. P
7. X
8. p
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