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Parallel Structure: Learn and Practice

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Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Parallel Structure

- Parallel structure means items in a list or pair use the same grammar form.
- Match nouns with nouns, ing verbs with ing verbs, and phrases with phrases.
- Parallel sentences are smoother and easier to follow.
- I like hiking, swimming and biking.

1 Which sentence is parallel?

A. He wants reading, to draw and sing.

B. He wants to read, draws and singing.

C. He wants to read, drawing and to sing.

D. He wants to read, to draw and to sing.

2 Which sentence is parallel?

A. We packed apples, pears and hungry.

B. We packed apples, eating pears.

C. We packed apples, pears and to eat.

D. We packed apples, pears and plums.

3 Choose the ending to keep it parallel: She is smart, kind and ___.

A. has humour B. funny C. a joker

D. makes jokes

4 Which sentence is parallel?

A. I like hike, swimming and biking.

B. I like to hike, swimming and biking.

C. I like hiking, swimming and biking.

D. I like hiking, swimming and to bike.

5 Fix it: The job requires typing, filing and to answer phones. What replaces to answer phones?

A. answered phones B. answers phones

C. answering phones D. to answering phones

6 What does parallel structure mean?

A. Every sentence has a comma

B. Sentences are all the same length

C. Each word starts with the same letter

D. Items in a list share the same form

7 Choose the word: We ran, jumped and ___.

A. to laugh B. laughing C. laughed D. laughs

8 Choose: The coach told us to stretch, to drink water and ___.

A. resting B. to rest C. rested D. we rested

✏️ Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for parallel structure and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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1 Which sentence is parallel?

A. He wants reading, to draw and sing.

B. He wants to read, draws and singing.

C. He wants to read, drawing and to sing.

D. He wants to read, to draw and to sing.

Every item is an infinitive, to plus a verb.

2 Which sentence is parallel?

A. We packed apples, pears and hungry.

B. We packed apples, eating pears.

C. We packed apples, pears and to eat.

D. We packed apples, pears and plums.

Apples, pears and plums are all nouns, so the list is balanced.

3 Choose the ending to keep it parallel: She is smart, kind and ___.

A. has humour **B. funny** C. a joker

D. makes jokes

Smart and kind are adjectives, so another adjective, funny, fits.

4 Which sentence is parallel?

A. I like hike, swimming and biking.

B. I like to hike, swimming and biking.

C. I like hiking, swimming and biking.

D. I like hiking, swimming and to bike.

All three items end in ing, so they match.

5 Fix it: The job requires typing, filing and to answer phones. What replaces to answer phones?

A. answered phones B. answers phones

C. answering phones D. to answering phones

Typing and filing end in ing, so answering phones matches them.

6 What does parallel structure mean?

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Parallel items use the same grammar form, like all nouns or all ing words.

7 Choose the word: We ran, jumped and ___.

A. to laugh B. laughing **C. laughed** D. laughs

Ran and jumped are past tense verbs, so laughed matches.

8 Choose: The coach told us to stretch, to drink water and ___.

A. resting **B. to rest** C. rested D. we rested

The list uses infinitives, so to rest keeps the pattern.