

GRAMMAR

Parallel Structure

When there are two or more ideas in a sentence, they should, *if possible*, be in parallel form.

1. Nouns

Error: Students form study groups for support, discipline, and meeting new people.

Correction: Students form study groups for **support, discipline, and social contacts.**

2. Verbs

Error: Unemployment has increased and spreading all over the U.S.

Correction: Unemployment **has increased** and **(has) spread** all over the U.S.

3. Adjectives

Error: The lecture was long, boring, and only a few people came.

Correction: The lecture was **long, boring, and poorly attended.**

4. Adverbs

Error: The well-rested runners won easily and with a lot of decisiveness.

Correction: The well-rested runners won **easily** and **decisively.**

5. Prepositional Phrases

Error: Retail sales in the U.S. will pick up soon and also around the world.

Correction: Retail sales **in the U.S. and around the world** will pick up soon.

6. Gerunds

Error: Smoking and to drink cause both medical and social problems.

Correction: **Smoking and drinking** cause both medical and social problems.

7. Infinitives

Error: The detectives intend to find the bombing suspect and they want to arrest him too.

Correction: The detectives intend **to find** and **(to) arrest** the bombing suspect.

8. Clauses

Noun Clause Error: Tom said that he would help, and he also said that his brother would help.

Noun Clause Correction: Tom said that **he and his brother would help.**

Adj. Clause Error: My math class, which is demanding but I get a lot of information, is small.

Adj. Clause Correction: My math class, **which is demanding but informative,** is small.

Correct the errors in parallel form:

1. It is frustrating **to study** diligently and then I fail classes.

2. I don't know **where I will live**, and I also want to know who my roommate will be.

3. **Calmly** and with confidence, Mariska asked for a raise.

4. Some international students are **isolated, lonesome**, and they feel homesick.

5. **Depression** and to feel anxious are common psychiatric symptoms.

6. **Wanting** to achieve something and to achieve it are two different things.

7. Tim's **bad attitude** led to his dismissal and also he was absent all the time.

8. Being **poor** is a burden, and so is unemployment.

9. There is a big difference in price between **seeing a movie** in a theater and to rent a movie from a streaming service.

10. For many complicated reasons, abused women stay **with their husbands** and also they don't leave their boyfriends.

11. My favorite sports are **hiking, kayaking**, and I love to go whitewater rafting.

12. **Walking to the park with my dog, sleeping in late**, and breakfast with my boyfriend are the best parts of my weekend.
