B. Over to You

1 **Check (✓) the sentences that have parallel structure.**

1 ☐ a. Create a password that is long and that contains numbers.
☐ b. Create a password that is long and by using numbers.
☐ c. Create a password that is long with numbers.

2 ☐ a. Cyber bullies are usually hurtful and people who have low self-confidence.
☐ b. Cyber bullies are usually people with low self-confidence and who want to hurt others.
☐ c. Cyber bullies are usually people who have low self-confidence and who want to hurt others.

3 ☐ a. The number of cyber bullies is increasing and has caused problems in many schools.
☐ b. The number of cyber bullies is increasing and is causing problems in many schools.
☐ c. The number of cyber bullies is increasing and is dangerous.

2 **Match each sentence beginning (1–7) with the correct sentence ending (a–g) to make sentences with parallel structure.**

___ **1** Computer hacking is serious,

___ **2** Cyber bullying is a growing problem

___ **3** We took a computer class to practice what we know,

___ **4** Hackers access personal computers,

___ **5** I learned how to use my smartphone by reading the manual,

___ **6** Cyber bullies send malicious messages on cell phones,

___ **7** Cyber bullying is a problem that can affect children,

a and a serious crime.

b that can cause emotional pain, and that can become serious.

c to improve our abilities, and to learn new skills.

d malicious, and illegal.

e steal credit card information, and figure out passwords.

f on the Internet, and on smartphones.

g by looking up information online, and by asking a friend for help.

CHECK!

1 Use parallel structure in lists of words, phrases, or _____ to make your sentence flow well.

2 To be sure your sentence has parallel structure, use _____ word patterns when you write lists.

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C. Practice

1 Read each sentence in the chart. Decide if it has parallel structure or not. Check (✓) the box in the correct column.

	PARALLEL STRUCTURE	NOT PARALLEL STRUCTURE
1. The latest smartphones are fast, powerful, and small.		
2. The latest smartphones are popular, in stores, and useful.		
3. Cyber bullies can be mean, scary, and should be punished.		
4. Cyber bullies can be hurtful, annoying, and cruel.		
5. Hackers access information, create viruses, and shut down communication.		
6. Hackers stole passwords, can create computer programs, and may have taken information illegally.		
7. To prevent hackers, I use special software and with strong passwords.		
8. I prevent hackers by choosing creative passwords and by purchasing anti-virus software.		
9. They plan to sell programs that will stop viruses and to discourage hackers.		

2 Circle the correct words or phrases to make sentences with parallel structure.

1 Hackers break into e-mail accounts, *computer systems,* | *by stealing,* | *are common,* and wireless devices.

2 Hackers cause problems for hospitals, government offices, and *banks* | *are illegal* | *by taking important information.*

3 Hacking is *mean,* | *a crime,* | *to steal,* dangerous, and illegal.

4 In the United States, the Federal Bureau of Investigation studies, *investigates,* | *can investigate,* | *is investigating,* and stops computer crimes.

5 Many cyber criminals send e-mails to people asking for a check, a money transfer, or *cash* | *to take their money* | *that they need cash.*

6 An e-mail may say a person needs money because his credit cards were stolen or *because his passport is missing* | *his passport* | *if he loses his passport.*

7 The cyber criminal hopes that people will be kind and *to send him money* | *for sending him money* | *that they will send him money.*

8 The cyber criminal does not return the money. He uses it for travel, *with* | *for* | *by* shopping, or for other personal items.

9 You can report e-mails *that* | *to* | *can* seem fake and that seem dangerous.

D. Skill Quiz

Check (✓) the correct answer for each item.

1 Parallel structure means using ___ word patterns in lists.
- ☐ a. different
- ☐ b. similar
- ☐ c. various

2 Use parallel structure in lists of words, phrases, and
- ☐ a. paragraphs.
- ☐ b. sentences.
- ☐ c. clauses.

3 Choose the option that gives this sentence parallel structure: *Hacking is a serious, dangerous, and ___ crime.*
- ☐ a. to worry about
- ☐ b. against the law
- ☐ c. malicious

4 Choose the option that gives this sentence parallel structure: *Cyber criminals lie, cheat, and ___.*
- ☐ a. steal
- ☐ b. theft
- ☐ c. may be malicious

5 Choose the option that gives this sentence parallel structure: *Be careful of e-mails that ask for money and ___ from someone you do not know.*
- ☐ a. are coming
- ☐ b. that come
- ☐ c. can be

6 Choose the option that gives this sentence parallel structure: *Cyber criminals can be punished ___ and by the police.*
- ☐ a. by the FBI
- ☐ b. for some crimes
- ☐ c. if the crimes are severe

7 Choose the sentence with parallel structure.
- ☐ a. The FBI hopes to catch people who create scams and when they are hacking into computers.
- ☐ b. The FBI hopes to catch people who create scams and if they hack into computers.
- ☐ c. The FBI hopes to catch people who create scams and who hack into computers.

8 Choose the sentence with parallel structure.
- ☐ a. Children should tell an adult if they get an e-mail that is unwanted or threatening.
- ☐ b. Children should tell an adult if they get an e-mail that is unwanted or contains threats.
- ☐ c. Children should tell an adult if they get an e-mail they do not want or feel threatened.

9 Choose the sentence with parallel structure.
- ☐ a. Only accept e-mails from teachers, from friends, and that someone in your family sends.
- ☐ b. Only accept e-mails from teachers, from friends, and from family.
- ☐ c. Only accept e-mails from teachers, from friends, and the ones your family sends.

10 Choose the sentence with parallel structure.
- ☐ a. Cyber criminals include people who send fake e-mails, who bully others, and who hack into computers.
- ☐ b. Cyber criminals include people who send fake e-mails, bullies, and who hack into computers.
- ☐ c. Cyber criminals include people who send fake e-mails, by texting, and with computers.

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