

Parallelism is when closely related parts of a sentence fit together using similar grammatical form. It makes writing clearer and easier for the reader to understand.

PART A (6.67 pts. each one; 100 pts. total)

Instructions: one item in each of the groups is not parallel to the others. Identify the incorrect one by writing the letter at the bottom.

LIST #1	LIST #2	LIST #3	LIST #4	LIST #5
1. Glass	1. pencil	1. house	1. swimming	1. literature
2. Plate	2. roof	2. building	2. baking	2. skyscraper
3. Fork	3. paper	3. book	3. to paddle	3. mathematics
4. Flower	4. eraser	4. apartment	4. running	4. Spanish

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LIST #2 _____
LIST #3 _____
LIST #4 _____
LIST #5 _____

PART B (6.67 pts. each one; 100 pts. total) (6.67 pts. each one; 100 pts. total)

Instructions: correct the faulty parallelism in the following sentences to make them clear, concise, and easy to read.

- Peter gets her daily exercise by walking her dog, going for a bike ride, and cleaning.
a. cleaning the house. b. to clean the house. c. and cleaning. d. and cleaning and dusting.
- Would you prefer the graceful owl, rats, or a sneaky cat as your pet?
a. the nasty rat b. the good old rat c. the rats and mice d. owl, other rats, and cats
- The difference between rural and country living is the height of the buildings and the population.
a. Increasing of population b. high rate of population growth c. increasement of people
- Stress makes it difficult to exercise regularly, have relationships that are stable, and be eating food with benefits to one's health.
a. eat a healthy diet b. eating food with benefits to one's health c. for eating food
- The English program taught by Ms. Mejicanos can help your writing skills, to gain independence, and completing your assignments.

- a. gaining independence, and complete your assignments.
 b. gain independence, and complete your assignments.
 c. to gain independence, and for completing your assignments.
6. The protesters gathered outside, held signs, started shouting, and they wanted to stop the speaker from being heard.
- a. shouted bad words, and stopped the speaker from being heard.
 b. shouting started, and wanting to stop was heard by the speaker.
 c. was shouted, and they wanted to stop the speaker from being heard.
7. If you want to participate in the parade, you need beads, a costume, and to paint your face.
- a. to paint b. for painting your face c. paint d. your face painted
8. To my horror, my wedding dress looked stained, torn, and a wrinkle.
- a. looked with a wrinkle b. and wrinkled c. and had a wrinkle d. and a seen wrinkle
9. Employees at the hospital supply other doctors who like to operate outside the city and giving medicine at their clinics.
- a. give medicine at their clinics
 b. to giving medicine at their clinics
 c. gave medicine at their clinics
 d. for giving medicine at their clinics
10. A young traveler finds madness, mystery, and he finds sadness in the Gothic tale.
- a. the traveler finding sadness in the Gothic tale
 b. finding sadness in the Gothic tale
 c. to find sadness in the Gothic tale
 d. sadness in the Gothic tale
11. The computer was bought, he sold it, and repaired.
- a. sold it b. sold c. was sold it d. for he sold it
12. Last spring, I learned tennis, to ride a horse, and to running.
- a. learned to play tennis, ride a horse, and run.
 b. learning tennis, riding a horse, and running.
 c. for learning how to play tennis, riding a horse, and running.
 d. was learning tennis, riding a horse, and to run.
13. My friend is devoted, dedicated, and he works hard.

- a. working hard b. hard-working c. a hard-working man d. a man who works hard

14. My mom told me to clean the kitchen, dust, and mop the floor.

- a. to dust b. dusting the table c. for dusting d. dust the table

15. Peter loves to paint, cook, and read a book.

- a. painting, cooking, and read a book
b. paint, cooking, and reading a book
c. painting, cook, and read
d. paint, cook, and read