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Parallel Structure Worksheet

Review the Sentences for Errors

Parallel structure means using the same pattern of words to show that two or more ideas have the same level of importance. This can happen at the word, phrase, or clause level.
The usual way to join parallel structures is with the use of coordinating conjunctions such as "and" or "or."

Examples: David bought a cardigan, a pair of shoes, and a tie.

Martha was both an industrious student and an excellent writer.

Please review the following sentences for errors in parallel structure. Correct the sentence by rewriting it. Not all sentences are incorrect.

1. **Michael likes travelling, swimming, and painting.**
2. **The students were asked to write their feedback report quickly, precisely, and comprehensively.**
3. **The dictionary can be used to find these: word meaning, pronunciations, and verbs.**
4. **In the waiting room of the production manager, we read magazines, ate crispy chips, and observed the people.**
5. **Jennifer likes to ski, to jog and swimming.**
6. **Peter wanted to make sure that he made her presentation innovatively, efficiently and influentially.**
7. **Smith likes camping, running and to drive.**
8. **Mike bought clothes not only for his aunt but also for Sandra, his sister.**
9. **The instructor told the scouts that they should get a lot of sleep, that they should not exhaust too much, and to do some warm-up exercises before the drill.**
10. **The grocery store is good for fruit, vegetables, and meat.**
11. **Therapists say I should sit, walk, and go swimming.**
12. **The dinner was tasty, light, and healthful.**

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