

Parallel structure in a writing

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**. **Example:**

Parallel: Mary likes hiking, swimming, and riding a bicycle.	Parallel: I think I'll take a long nap, go fishing, or swim in the river.
Not Parallel: Mary likes hiking, swimming, and to ride a bicycle.	Not Parallel: I think I'll take a long nap, go fishing, or swimming in the river.

 1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO CREATE PARALLEL SENTENCES ABOUT ROBOTS.

- Robots will be able to drive and _____ words.
☐ a) speak ☐ b) to speak ☐ c) spoke ☐ d) speaking
- Most robots today help build things like cars, appliances, and _____.
☐ a) making houses ☐ b) makes houses ☐ c) houses ☐ d) made houses
- Some robots are designed to explore underwater, go down into volcanoes, and _____.
☐ a) traveling to other planets ☐ b) other planets ☐ c) travel to other planets ☐ d) traveled to other planets.
- Robots which were sent to Mars will collect soil, analyze it, and _____ the data back to Earth.
☐ a) send ☐ b) to send ☐ c) sending ☐ d) were sent
- We also use robots because they never get sick, take a day off, or _____.
☐ a) complains ☐ b) to complain ☐ c) complained ☐ d) complain
- Robots are unable to think, feel, or _____ decisions.
☐ a) makes ☐ b) making ☐ c) make ☐ d) made
- It is believed that robots are going to increase our quality of life and _____ care of us.
☐ a) to take ☐ b) taking ☐ c) take ☐ d) takes

