

Parallel Structure

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Definition: **Parallel structure is the term writers use to describe similar ideas expressed in similar ways.**

WRONG EXAMPLE: Easy example

The sentence "**I like running, fishing, and to ski**" lacks parallel structure. The similar ideas are running, fishing, and to ski, the three things you like to do.

Correct Example: Essay Example A more graceful and readable way to write them is to use parallel structure: "**I like running, fishing, and skiing.**"

Correct: *He likes to swim, to sail, and to dance.*

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Incorrect: *He likes to swim, sail, and to dance*

MINI QUIZ!

*Patty ate macaroons, drank soda
and was dancing the tango.*

*Patty ate macaroons, drank soda
and danced the tango.
Which one is correct ??*