

## Parallel Structure with Coordinating Conjunctions

Parallel structure adds both impact and clarity to your writing. It creates patterns in your sentences that makes your meaning easier to follow. Parallel structure is the repetition of a certain grammatical form within a sentence. By making each compared item or idea in your sentence follow the same grammatical pattern, you create a parallel between them. Parallel structure is often used with coordinating conjunctions.

**NOT PARALLEL:**

John dressed as Batman and Doug was dressed as Spiderman.

**PARALLEL:**

John dressed as Batman and Doug dressed as Spiderman.



**DIRECTIONS:** Each sentence below uses a coordinating conjunction, but it does not use parallel structure. Rewrite each sentence so that it does use parallel structure.

1. Ellie ate pancakes and Julia was eating bacon.

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2. Meg asked for more time, but Hank having plenty of time.

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3. We all went shopping and to lunch.

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4. I don't like biology or doing algebra.

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