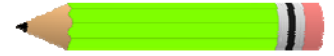


Parallel Structure with Items in a Series

In a series, we list three or more common things that serve a purpose within a sentence. A sentence that contains items in a series should use parallel construction. Parallel construction means that elements within a sentence that serve the same function are structured in a similar way.



INCORRECT: I decided to clean the refrigerator, wash the dishes, and I thought I might also hem the curtains.

CORRECT: I decided to clean the refrigerator, wash the dishes, and hem the curtains.

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each sentence so that it used parallel construction.

1. Today I will walk the dog, bathe the cat, and give the fish something to eat.
2. Yesterday I vacuumed, dusted, and did some organizing.
3. I hate to cook as much as I hate cleaning.
4. I am going to buy a dress, a hat, and maybe get some shoes.
5. I wanted to read a book, a magazine, and read a comic.
6. At the store, I bought balloons, ribbon, and decided on a party theme.
7. We hung out eating, drinking, and we chatted about old times.