

# PARALLEL STRUCTURE – EXERCISE 5

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks with the additional information provided for each item. Maintain **parallel structure**. Check your answers with the **interactive version** of the exercise.

1. Lenora flipped through her notebook, rummaged through her book bag, and \_\_\_\_\_, but she could not find Mark's completed calculus homework which she had borrowed to copy.

↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.

*Lenora also went outside to search the backseat of her car.*

2. Watching reruns of *Battlestar Galactica*, shopping for new shoes online, and \_\_\_\_\_ were the procrastination methods Kendrick used to avoid starting his research essay.

↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.

*Kendrick also took the dog for a walk.*

3. A basketball, a court, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ are Jordan's three favorite things.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Jordan also likes an aggressive, tall, fast opponent whose skills test Jordan's own ball-handling competence.*

4. This year in karate class, Andrew hopes to master the high roundhouse kick,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and win all of his matches.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Breaking a 2-inch board with his bare hands is another goal Andrew has.*

5. Noodles swimming in butter, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and vegetables glistening with oil made Daisy's dinner a caloric nightmare.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*In addition, Daisy drenched the steak in hollandaise sauce.*

6. We love when Christina closes the coffee shop because the next morning we find shiny counters, a clean floor, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Christina always fills the napkin dispensers.*

7. Hawks, cats, and \_\_\_\_\_ make raising babies difficult for mother squirrels.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Six-foot black snakes that crawl into the trees and raid the nests are another danger for the squirrel pups.*

8. Professor Hayden requires a pen, an exam book, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ at his midterm and final examinations.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*In addition, having a brain stuffed with accurate dates, full names, and other historical details will help.*

9. Ecstatic that Keisha had agreed to a date, Shaun opened the car door for her, let her choose the restaurant, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*In addition, he had no reservations paying for the expensive lobster dinner.*

10. Gerald can not only charm a dragonfly to land on his finger but also  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Moreover, Gerald is good at coaxing the neighborhood cats to twine around his ankles.*

11. After chewing the sofa arm, barking at strangers passing on the street, and  
\_\_\_\_\_, Rowdy curled up on Miranda's new sweater and fell asleep.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Rowdy also ate a roll of toilet paper.*

12. Gurjeet tightened the shoelaces of his inline skates, adjusted his helmet, and \_\_\_\_\_ before pushing off down the steep hill.

↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.

*Saying a little prayer is another of Gurjeet's rituals.*

13. Miranda wants her dog to sit on command, stop chasing the cat, and \_\_\_\_\_ but Rowdy behaves as he pleases.

↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.

*Coming when he's called is another behavior Miranda would like to see Rowdy demonstrate.*

14. Sylvia's home is spotless. Every day she wipes down all surfaces, vacuums all floors, and \_\_\_\_\_.

↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.

*Dusting over one hundred ceramic squirrels is another chore Sylvia completes daily.*

15. Ragged jeans, a torn T-shirt, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ made Theodora reconsider her decision to go out with Tommy.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Tommy's sneakers were also dirty, which did not impress Theodora.*

16. Charday crunched ice, clicked her pen, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, but she could not solve the last problem of calculus homework.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Shuffling through her notes was another strategy Charday tried to find the solution for the problem.*

17. Joshua remains asleep when thunderclaps shake the house, when commuter jets rumble overhead, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Joshua can sleep even if his mother is yelling his name.*

18. At the family reunion, Natasha sampled the homemade ice cream, Jasper ate a cheeseburger hot off the grill, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*A tall glass of lemonade was nursed by Lori.*

19. Anthony smiled, \_\_\_\_\_, and touched her arm before asking to borrow a pencil for the twenty-third time.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Anthony also gave Wanda a compliment about her necklace.*

20. Either a bagel with peanut butter or \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ makes a perfect breakfast for Fiona.

**↑ Fill in the blank above with the information below ↓. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Fiona also enjoys a chocolate-broccoli muffin with cream cheese frosting warmed in a microwave and eaten off a sheet of paper towel.*

