

PARALLEL STRUCTURES

Parallelism is a similarity of grammatical form for similar elements of meaning within a sentence or among sentences. When pairing ideas, [redacted] them in similar grammatical form. Paired ideas are usually connected in one of three ways:

- With a coordinating conjunction such as *and, but, or, nor, yet*
- With a [redacted] such as *either . . . or . . . not only . . . but also*
- With a word introducing a comparison, usually *than or as*

Adjectives / colon [:]

NO

Mergers have a number of associated problems: cultural, financial and **technology**.

YES

Mergers have a number of associated problems: [redacted] and **technological**.

Verb Forms

NO

Amazon's warehouse employees [redacted], write orders for delivery, and are **invoicing** customers.

YES

Amazon's warehouse employees **control** merchandise, [redacted], and **invoice** customers.

Gerunds (+ing forms)

NO

Fairtrade Foundation is aimed at [redacted], promoting sustainable farming [redacted] poverty.

YES

The Fairtrade Foundation is aimed at [redacted], **promoting** sustainable farming [redacted] poverty.

ADVERBS + NOT ONLY

NO

The students had not only worked [redacted] engagement.

YES

The students had not only worked **diligently** but [redacted].

COMPARISON (THAN)

NO

Merging two [redacted] is much more [redacted] of two SMEs.

Yes

Merging two [redacted] is much more [redacted] two SMEs.

Exercise: correct the mistakes

1. Marketing should consider whether the plan is feasible, practical, and a possibility.
2. The lecturer expected that the students [redacted] by using PowerPoint and they [redacted] from the audience.
3. The Government is investing heavily into renewable energy [redacted] on fossil fuels [redacted] Renewables Directive 2009.
4. This would need to be developed and [redacted] of the public and Government Policy.
5. The solutions proposed have [redacted] and public backing it could be a better [redacted] Climate Change and the reduction in [redacted] fossil fuel.
6. These machines are being used for the first time in [redacted] Finland but have [redacted] complications.
7. Most students would rather pay for [redacted] receiving financial aid.
8. Regular [redacted] the risk of heart diseases [redacted] the risk of cancers, and [redacted] of osteoporosis.

Example of Parallelism in Content Pages

Look at how parallelism is used in a Table of Contents

Example:

Table of Contents

		I. Introduction to Academic Skills(NOUN PHRASE)	
	A.	<i>Analysing the question</i> (-ING NOUN PHRASE)	
	B.	<i>Researching the topic</i> (-ING NOUN PHRASE)	
	II.	Essay Structure(NOUN PHRASE)	
	A.	<i>Writing paragraphs</i> (-ING NOUN PHRASE)	
	1.	Topic sentences (NOUN)	} Third level heading – normal 11 pt
	2.	Body (NOUN)	
	3.	Conclusion (NOUN)	
	B.	<i>Reviewing</i> (-ING NOUN PHRASE)	
	1.	Drafts (NOUN)	
	2.	Finished product (NOUN)	

ANSWERS

1. Marketing should consider whether the plan is **feasible, practical, and possible**.
2. The lecturer expected that the students would **give** a presentation, **use** PowerPoint and **answer** questions from the audience. **[variations are possible]**

ALL ANSWERS ARE INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...