

Independent Practice: Parallelism

Directions: Using a ruler or 3- x 5-inch index card as a straight edge, place each of the following sentences into a parallelism diagram on the back of this page or in your notebook. If the elements are aligned, do nothing more. But if the elements are not aligned, draw a second diagram in which you correct the error. Be sure to label the grammatical structures. The first one is done for you.

1. This winter I plan to ski and to skate quite often.

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2. In the mornings I turn off the alarm, wash my face, and brush my teeth.
3. The old woman approached the stairs carefully and with pain.
4. My cousin Jeff is unpredictable, erratic, and has too much confusion.
5. In that school, the students are sometimes frustrated, impulsive, and in constant rebellion.
6. My dream vacations include a safari in Africa, a chalet in Switzerland, and a gondola in Venice.
7. When leisure time arrives, Marcia enjoys composing poetry rather than to write any kind of prose.
8. Dr. Charles Raymond Thatcher not only is a university professor but also an accomplished playwright.
9. My teacher taught me how to organize my thoughts quickly, writing of ideas clearly, and to use parallel structure effectively.
10. I feel both confident and excited about my writing skills.

