

Parallel Structure – Exercise 5

This handout accompanies Exercise 5 of **Grammar Bytes!** Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the additional information provided for each item. Be sure that you maintain parallel structure.

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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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 using 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.



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