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## Parallel Structure – Exercise 6

This handout accompanies Exercise 6 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. A bathroom sink filled with hair, counter surfaces piled with paper and books, and \_\_\_\_\_ dissuaded Beverly from sharing the apartment with Tina.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*In addition, Tina's refrigerator had shelves stuffed with moldy leftovers.*

2. To make his weight class for the wrestling match, Bart sipped a diet soda, nibbled carrot sticks, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Refusing Sam's offer of a slice of pizza was another strategy Bart used to lose weight.*

3. The presence of a vampire, a space alien, or \_\_\_\_\_ will make Noreen reject a movie.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Noreen also refuses to watch any film that includes a zombie serial killer who is wielding a knife or a chainsaw.*

4. If we manage to pass our calculus class, we will celebrate by shouting, high-fiving, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Moreover, we might dump a bucket of Gatorade over Professor Nguyen's head.*

5. At the library, Francis hoped to complete his math homework, research Da Vinci for his Renaissance art class, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Carving "Francis loves Dawn" in the wood table was another goal for the afternoon.*

6. Mara always refuses Andre's offer to style her hair because she fears a bald head, an odd color, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Mara also worries that Andre will make the ends of her hair frizzy.*

7. Tardiness, absences, and \_\_\_\_\_ are the behaviors that have gotten Brendan in trouble with his boss, Mr. Powell.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*In addition, Mr. Powell is annoyed when Brendan shows disrespect to the customers and fellow employees.*

8. This semester, Sam hopes to pass Microbiology, not faint in his speech class, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Convincing Gloria to go out with him is another goal that Sam hopes to meet.*

9. Because Frank allowed Grumpy the bulldog in the apartment, Sandy kept her pet off the furniture, bathed him regularly, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*In addition, Sandy didn't mind vacuuming every day.*

10. Keisha will not only share an extra pen with the handsome Jonathon but also \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Moreover, if he asks, Keisha will give Jonathon some loose-leaf paper.*

11. Our beagle Reliable is no protector; he hides under the bed while the washing machine spins, if the fire alarm goes off, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*The neighbors knocking at the door will also send Reliable running into the bedroom.*

12. Crisp apple slices, crunchy carrot sticks, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ were all ground to a pulp by Simone's hardworking molars.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Simone also ate several green stalks of celery that were firm with freshness.*

13. At the Halloween party, Patrick will either drape Squeeze, his nine-foot albino python, over his shoulders or \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Dressing as a vampire is another costume option that Kenny is considering.*

14. Before his solo in the church choir, Kurtis could feel his stomach churning, his knees knocking, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Kurtis also felt his skin begin to sweat.*

15. To keep our beagle Reliable from whimpering, sighing, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, we put him outside during dinner.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Moreover, Reliable drools a flood of saliva that hangs from his jowls and puddles on the floor.*

16. Broken glasses, chipped dishes, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ are the reasons that we will no longer let Fernando wash the dishes after dinner.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*In addition, we found the spoons still greasy from use.*

17. Cookies stuffed with raisins, scones drizzled with orange glaze, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ called to Nicole from the pastry case at the coffee shop.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Nicole also desired the donuts that bakers had sprinkled with powdered sugar.*

18. Chatting with the handsome trainer, socializing at the juice bar, and \_\_\_\_\_ are the strategies that Carla employs to avoid sweating at the gym.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*Carla also primps in front of the restroom mirror, sometimes for fifteen minutes straight.*

19. When she stepped out on her porch, Maud glared at the unraked lawn, weedy flower beds, and \_\_\_\_\_ that made up the Harringtons' front yard.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*In addition, Maud disliked seeing the bushes that needed trimming.*

20. Professor Hollister has three pet peeves: unstapled homework, bare feet, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.**

*He also gets annoyed when students walk in late and disrupt his lecture.*



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